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Clashes grow as defiant mourners fill the streets of Azerbaijan

'Pull troops out' challenge to Gorbachov

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

As more than three-quarters of a million people gathered in Baku for an emotional mass ceremony to bury the victims of the Soviet Army's crackdown, the Azerbaijani parliament yesterday demanded an end to the state of emergency and the withdrawal of all Soviet troops.

This challenge to Moscow's authority came amid rising tension in the republic and signs of further confrontation. Reports reaching Moscow said ships had been set on fire in the harbour and parts of the city were burning.

Soviet troops were apparently unable to enforce the state of emergency, and the situation, officially said to be "very tense", appeared to be increasingly unstable as a wave of public anger swept across Azerbaijan. Mass rallies were held in many other towns, and Tass reported that a statue to Lenin was smashed and the premises of a district party committee were gutted.

Speakers at the republic's Supreme Soviet voted to suspend the state of emergency and said they were considering a referendum on secession from the Soviet Union.

Earlier in the day, the funerals, conducted according to Muslim rites, brought Baku

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to a virtual standstill as tens of thousands of mourners converged on the centre. Shops and public buildings were closed, and the bodies of 60 of the victims were carried through the streets to a communal grave in a park overlooking the city.

The official death toll was put at 83, including 14 servicemen and members of their families, by Lieutenant-General Anatoly Dubinyak, the Baku military commander. He said rumours that thousands had been killed and that attacks had been launched against ethnic Russians were a "downright lie" — no Baku resident had been killed in the past two days.

But the Popular Front, the nationalist organization now virtually controlling the city and the republic, said many more died in the shooting on Friday night, and their bodies were secretly removed.

Television remained off the air yesterday and no newspapers appeared in Baku. One radio station, Azadlyk (Freedom), has been broadcasting nationalist claims, which General Dubinyak denounced as attempts to provoke a fresh flare-up of violence.

At the funeral the victims, whose photographs were displayed, were referred to as martyrs. The chairman of the Shia Muslim Ecclesiastical Board of Transcaucasia, sent a telegram to President Gorbachov on Sunday, saying words were inadequate to express the people's sorrow and "their boundless grief which will remain for ever in millions of hearts".

This grief has rapidly turned into anti-Soviet anger. A huge rally was held yesterday at the Azerbaijani mission in Moscow, where speakers denounced the Army's move into Baku and unfurled banners saying "Gorbachov assassin". Intellectuals and prominent Azerbaijani cultural figures complained to foreign correspondents that the West had sided with Armenia and Mr Gorbachov and overlooked Azerbaijani grievances.

They held another large demonstration yesterday evening outside the Soviet Ministry of Defence.

Meanwhile, the political fall-out of the shooting appeared to be growing. President Gorbachov was reported by Tass to have held crisis talks with Azerbaijani leaders. No news was given of the outcome. Many people here were anxiously wondering whether the backlash may not now be worse than the chaos which preceded the army intervention.

Mr Ayaz Mutallibov, the Azerbaijani prime minister, yesterday appealed for calm. He said the Soviet leadership had given a firm guarantee that it would help and that steps would be taken to restore the republic's sovereignty and toughen actions against extremists. But his words appeared to have little effect.

Even a former disgraced Politburo member in Brezhnev's period, Mr Geidar Aliyev, joined in the chorus of denunciation at a press conference in the Azerbaijani mission on Sunday. He had been party leader in the republic for 13 years, but he blamed the recently-dismissed holder of that office, Mr Abdul-Rahman Vezirov, who he said had done nothing to stop destabilization in the republic.

Meanwhile, the situation on the Soviet border with Iran remained confused. Tass said that huge numbers of Azerbaijanis and Iranians were continuing to cross in both directions. But Tehran radio reported that Soviet troops

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Day of grief: Townsfolk of Kirovabad join hundreds of thousands of their countrymen across Azerbaijan in mourning the victims of the fighting.

West Germany moves to stem growing tide of ethnic refugees

From Ian Murray, Bonn

The Government here is urgently drawing up plans to make West Germany a less attractive haven for ethnic Germans from throughout the Soviet bloc, but particularly to stop the exodus from East Germany of people needed to rebuild that country's economy.

With their political futures difficult and uncertain, increasing numbers of ethnic Germans continue to pour into West Germany. Last week alone 12,712 East Germans arrived in the country — 2,581 last Tuesday. A further 2,989 refugees came in from Poland, and 2,709 from the Soviet Union, making 18,410 for the week.

This brings the total of East German refugees who have crossed to West Germany this year to some 30,000, along with about 12,000 ethnic Germans from elsewhere in Eastern Europe. More than one

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million ethnic Germans arrived in the Federal Republic in the previous two years.

The first new regulation to be introduced next week to make the country less attractive is not so much a way of keeping East Germans out but of punishing those who were responsible for repression. It is a pension reform which will deprive former members of the Stasi of the right to a West German pension. Since it will save little money, this is, however, mainly a symbolic gesture.

Further pension reforms are also being prepared to head off the resentment of West German contributors at the fact that refugees can qualify automatically for higher pensions than people who have been paying into funds throughout their working lives.

The level of benefit is to be reduced but not cut entirely in a move which is particularly aimed at refugees from Poland, from which more than 60 per cent of such refugees arrived last year.

Here again, since the proportion arriving who are of pensionable age is below 10 per cent, the financial saving to the budget is not as important as the domestic political need to limit the resentment caused by the present system.

The monthly poll for ZDF's "political barometer" broadcast yesterday showed that a fast-growing number of people believe that the refugees have too many privileges. This month 52 per cent thought this compared with just 42 per cent a month ago.

At the same time the idea of quick reunification is winning more and more support, according to the poll, which showed that 74 per cent now want unity and 68 per cent believe it will happen within the next decade. Only 14 per cent are now against it.

Inquiry on Stalker is ruled out

By Richard Ford and Peter Davenport

The Home Secretary last night rejected a demand by a Conservative MP for an independent judicial inquiry into the Stalker affair.

Mr David Waddington told MPs he saw no reason for such an inquiry after the dropping last week of fraud charges

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against a businessman friend of Mr John Stalker, the former Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester.

He had been urged to set up an independent inquiry, with powers to compel witnesses to give evidence, into the circumstances surrounding

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Gummer steps up beef ban pressure

From Peter Guilford, Brussels

West Germany will "inevitably" be taken to the European Court of Justice if it fails to lift its curbs on imports of British beef, Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, warned yesterday.

Britain and West Germany are bracing themselves for disagreement today when Mr Gummer raises the issue of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) with Herr Ignaz Kiechle, his West German counterpart. "If there has to be a row, then it will be a big one," Mr Gummer said.

The Germans imposed the ban because of fears that BSE could harm humans. A Bonn agriculture official said: "We are just following European Community rules, which allow us to to withhold imports until there are satisfactory EC measures in place."

West Germany would use this in its defence if taken to the EC Court, either by Britain or the European Commission, which has not disclosed its hand. Mr Gummer said the West German action was incompatible with the EC treaty. "No EC country takes unilateral decisions about health. If they did, we could all stop

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imports of everybody else's food," he said. In a separate move to stop the spread of BSE, the Commission will today present EC farm ministers with fresh curbs on British exports of live cattle.

Mr Gummer dismissed the West German restrictions, which have yet to come into force, as a ploy to protect domestic beef producers from British competition, valued at £10 million a year. Bonn said it was purely a health issue.

Coup plot is denied in Berlin

From Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Editor
East Berlin

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, last night arrived in East Germany amid political turmoil after further big setbacks for the communist party and rumours that a military coup might be imminent.

The rumours, contained in an early edition story of the mass circulation newspaper, *Bild*, were strongly denied

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both by the Government and opposition groups.

Senior British officials last night made it clear that the dangers facing East Germany's fragmented coalition should not be minimized. They expressed concern that the country's first free elections, on May 6, might be called into question.

Shares tumble as output declines

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

Share prices fell yesterday after early falls on Wall Street and gloomy figures on Britain's industrial production and unit wage costs.

Fears that the economy could be moving towards recession under the pressure of high interest rates were fuelled by government figures showing manufacturing output slightly down in the three months to November.

While a slowdown in production is seen as part of government strategy to cool the overheated economy, other data showed that it has been accompanied by a fall in productivity and a surge in unit wage costs.

Mrs Thatcher has underlined the need to contain unit wage costs if companies are to compete with rivals overseas and preserve jobs.

In the three months to November, unit wage costs rose 5.6 per cent above the same period a year earlier. This is the highest growth rate since summer 1986. Output in manufacturing was 0.1 per cent below the previous three months, though still 2.5 per cent higher than a year ago.

The pound fell on the news, but closed 0.1 of a point firmer

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on its trade-weighted index. A weaker Wall Street sent the FT-SE 100 index of leading shares into a steep fall. It ended 37.9 down at 2,297.1.

Although Mr John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has expressed confidence about avoiding recession, Mr David Owen, an economist at Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, said that the economy was "dangerously close" to one.

Police take a short cut to boost recruitment

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

Ever since members of the Metropolitan Police first paraded 161 years ago as Robert Peel's "new police", recruits to the British force have had to meet a minimum height requirement.

In Peel's day they were at least 5ft 7in, which may have been tall for those undernourished times. Architects of the force had sought men who could bring a presence to the turbulent Victorian streets.

Now in the metric 1990s, when the requirement can be anything from 172 to 180 centimetres — 5ft 8in to 6ft — depending on the force, London has decided physical presence is less important than other attributes.

As of yesterday the Metropolitan Police officially became Britain's first force to scrap all height requirements and dispense with the rule that policemen must be 5ft 8in tall and policewomen 5ft 4in in an attempt to attract more recruits from ethnic communities.

The decision is part of a £2 million plan aimed at widening the recruiting base within London and make it more representative of the communities in the capital. The force is also launching a new recruiting campaign and special courses to help promising applicants who fail entrance tests.

Other forces are certain to follow the London lead as they compete in the 1990s for more recruits from ethnic communities and increasingly scarce school-leavers. Yesterday Mr Wyn Jones, the assistant commissioner responsible for recruitment and training, calculated that removing the height requirement would make 2 million more people in Britain eligible to join the force.

Mr Jones, 6ft 1in and a former rugby player, said members of Chinese, Vietnamese and Bangladeshi communities were often prevented from applying to join the police by height regulations. The average height of a Bangladeshi man was, for example, 5ft 4in.

Some forces may not follow the Metropolitan lead. Many have already allowed their regulation heights to shrink over recent years. Alone in Britain the City of London force steadfastly and proudly insists on men of 6ft and women of 5ft 7in.

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British Aerospace plans big expansion of Liverpool airport

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Aerospace is preparing a £1.2 billion plan to develop Speke airport, Liverpool, into an international aviation hub.

The scheme, which has been under consideration for almost a year, is ready to be put to the Government, which will be asked to provide cash incentives that would see the airport grow from handling 466,000 passengers a year to 40 million by 2005.

Speke is owned by five local authorities and has lost money consistently in spite of a 29 per cent increase in traffic in the past year. The authorities, supported by a study commissioned by a BAe subsidiary, believe the airport could solve many congestion problems at London and Manchester.

Mr Rod Hill, the airport's finance director, said last night: "We are very confident that this plan will not only go ahead but will enable Liverpool to develop in the way it should have been doing over recent years. Somehow it lost is way, however, and never received the investment which would have enabled it to keep up with Manchester, even though it has been in existence much longer. The fact that it is near Manchester could be an advantage because their single runway will quickly become saturated and with both Heathrow and Gatwick also full Liverpool is a natural place for future growth."

The airport handles scheduled flights to London, the Isle of Man and Belfast, as well as a growing number of charter holiday flights.

The scheme is to channel transatlantic flights to Liverpool and develop a "hub-and-spoke" system of short-haul services to European destinations. "There are few environmental problems because the approach is either over the Irish Sea or over largely unpopulated areas of Runcorn," Mr Hill said.

BAe, in its first commercial airport development, is preparing a formal planning application to develop part of the airport. It eventually hopes to develop it fully with the aid of government grants.

Mr Keva Coombes, leader of Liverpool council, is confident the authority will approve the plan. BAe directors are expected to give their approval by the spring. Work could begin as early as 1993 with a second runway, to be built on land reclaimed from the Mersey, operating by 1998. However, a 30-month study will be needed before work can begin and there would almost certainly have to be a public enquiry.

Mr Coombes said: "This would give back to the city the kind of trade it used to have up to 1914. It would put Liverpool back on the employment map with a bang."

● Safety authorities are investigating advertising claims by Pan American World Airlines that the average age of its transatlantic fleet is only 7.48 years because 18 of its 36 Boeing 747s have been subjected to such intensive rebuilding and maintenance that they are effectively new aircraft.

This is in spite of the fact that some were built in Seattle 20 years ago. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration in the United States have been asked by other airlines to rule on whether such maintenance work does create a new aircraft. Pan Am said the work was needed to bring the aircraft up to standard for military use.

Mother wins childcare cash battle

By Tim Jones
Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Government may soon find itself in the European Court to answer charges that it discriminates against married people who wish to enter the job market by denying them the childcare allowances of up to £50 a week that are available to single parents applying for places on an Employment Training Scheme.

The issue was brought to a head yesterday by an Employment Appeal Tribunal, which dismissed the Government Training Commission's appeal against the finding of an industrial tribunal that Mrs Kay Jackson, a mother of three, had been unlawfully discriminated against because she is married.

The decision was welcomed as a "hollow victory" by the Equal Opportunities Commission. Ms Valerie Amos, its chief executive, said other married parents would not benefit from the decision, because an amendment to the 1989 Employment Act gives the Secretary of State power to discriminate against married parents.

The Department of Employment said last night that the decision not to give childcare allowances to married people had been taken because it would strain resources too much. "At present it costs £1m a month and it was decided that those most in need who should be targeted should be single parents."

Mrs Jackson with her three children. She was discriminated against over childcare allowance.

Labour to launch reselection inquiry

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

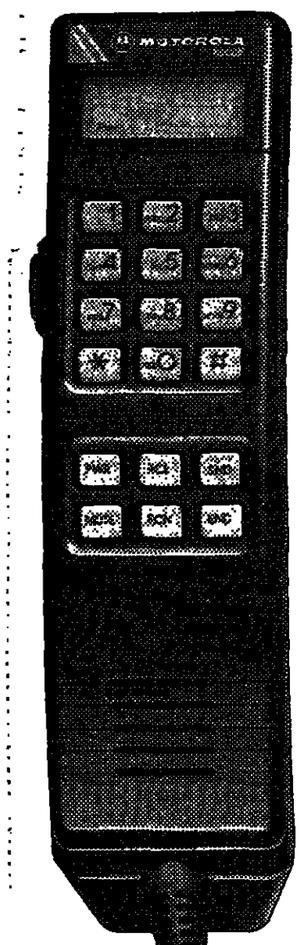
Labour leaders yesterday ordered an investigation into the deselection of Mr Frank Field and the activities of the Militant Tendency in his Birkenhead and neighbouring constituencies.

Mr Field's fight to remain as his party's MP in the area received a potentially decisive boost as Labour's organization committee voted by 18 to two to freeze the selection of Mr Paul Davies, the left-wing union official who ousted Mr Field, until a full investigation is completed.

Against accusations from left-wing MPs that Mr Field had indulged in "McCarthyism", the committee backed Mr Neil Kinnock's demand that it should take action to uphold the rules and constitution of the party.

He called on the party to take "all appropriate action" and said it was the duty of every member to make sure the affairs of the party were properly and democratically conducted.

The committee acted on the recommendation of Mrs Joyce Gould, Labour's director of organization, who will head the inquiry into the reselection procedure.



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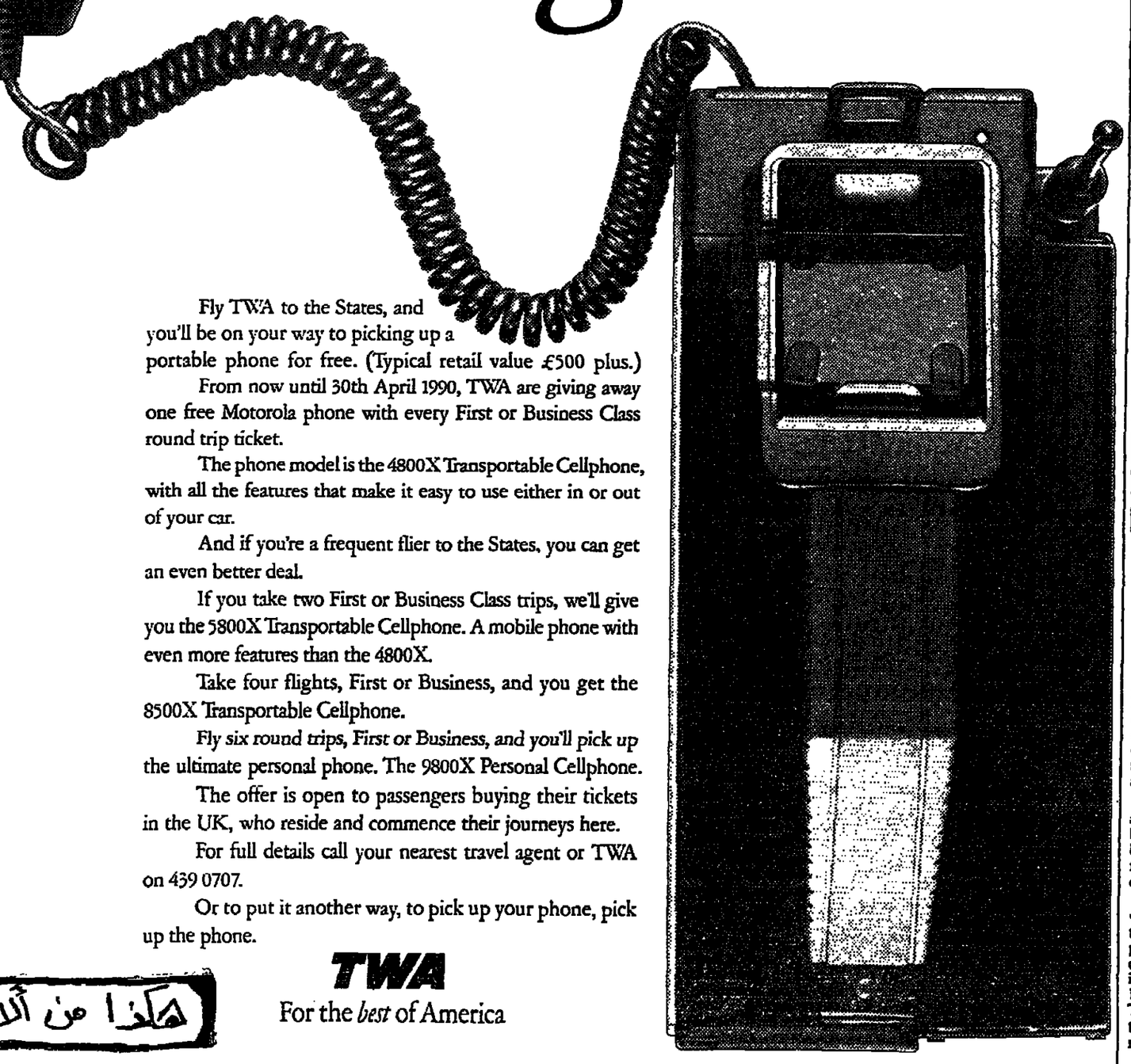

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Princess denies divorce reports

The Princess Royal yesterday denied reports that she is to divorce Captain Mark Phillips just five months after they officially separated (Ray Clancy writes).

The princess, asked about speculation that the Queen had given her permission for the couple to divorce, said: "Divorce? Never been mentioned by anybody."

She was speaking to an ITN reporter as she drove from her home, Gatcombe Park in Gloucestershire, on the day some press reports claimed an early divorce was imminent. At the wheel of a Land-Rover, the Princess repeated the word "divorce" looking puzzled before driving off.

Buckingham Palace announced the break-up of the couple's 15-year marriage in a brief statement last August.

Actor jailed for life

An actor who appeared in Welsh television soap operas was jailed for life yesterday for the murder of his girl friend. Clive Roberts, aged 45, was found guilty at Caernarvon Crown Court of the murder of Miss Elinor Roberts, aged 34, a TV production assistant with whom he had lived for seven years at Port Dinorwic, Gwynedd. Roberts, an alcoholic, had battered her to death with broken pieces of a chair after a drinking session. The jury rejected his plea of manslaughter.

£113m car-tax evasion

Up to £113 million, about 4 per cent of the total income from vehicle excise duty, will be lost this financial year because of road tax evasion (Michael Dynes writes). A roadside survey last June showed that there were about 1,200,000 unlicensed vehicles on the roads.

● Work to widen the M40 between Junction 4, at Handy Cross, High Wycombe, and Junction 5, at Stokenchurch, Buckinghamshire, will begin in the spring.

Harbour development

Proposals for a £250 million development to turn an 80-acre site bordering the historic Floating Harbour in Bristol into an arts and leisure centre were unveiled yesterday. LDR, a Cardiff-based planning consultancy, claims the scheme could generate around 4,500 jobs and provide about 2,000 homes. The plans include a maritime heritage centre, set around Brunel's steamship the SS Great Britain; an arts arena with concert hall, theatre and restaurants; and a business and sports centre.

Trident base protest

About 20 peace campers living near the Clyde submarine base at Faslane, Strathclyde, took over a spit of land in Gare Loch yesterday in protest at plans to destroy part of it to make a channel for Trident nuclear submarines. The Rev Adrian Rennie, spokesman for Scottish CND, called on Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, to halt the development and hold a public inquiry. Mr Rennie said: "It's an area of great scenic beauty and geological importance."

£685,000 damages

A girl aged five who suffered "catastrophic" brain damage after being deprived of oxygen at birth was yesterday awarded £685,000 damages in the High Court. Louise Evans, of London, has cerebral palsy, is unable to speak and is paralysed in all four limbs as a result of the birth at Princess Mary's RAF Hospital, Halton, Buckinghamshire. The damages are to be paid by the Ministry of Defence. It denied liability but consented to the award.

Ford's foreign plants would fill in for strike

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

An all-out strike by 32,000 Ford workers could be countered by a stream of thousands of imported cars from the company's continental plants, severely denting Britain's balance of payments.

Manual workers who staff assembly lines at the 21 plants belonging to Ford start secret ballots today on whether or not to force a national strike over pay.

However, executives have warned employees in a letter that they risk the company's position as Britain's biggest car company if they walk out in protest at their offer of a 10.2 per cent rise this year. The dispute has already cost the company more than £120 million in unofficial strikes.

The company believe they would have to cover shortfalls by ordering cars from continental plants if the dispute became entrenched.

Ford exports are worth about £1.4 billion a year.

Meanwhile, more than 2,000 craftsmen throughout Ford decided yesterday to demand an exclusive pay grade.

The National Joint Crafts Trades Group warned after its first meeting in Birmingham that the skilled men could consider striking alone, even if the rest of the workforce rejected industrial action.

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Mother's death cost girl the chance to be a queen, court told

By Ruth Gledhill

A girl, aged 6, was deprived of her chance of becoming a wealthy African queen when her mother died after a simple nose operation went wrong, a court was told yesterday.

Jennifer Oduro, now aged 12, who was born in Britain, had a good chance one day of succeeding to the throne, called the Stool of the matrilineal Akan tribe in the eastern region of Ghana, because her mother was expected to be the next queen mother, the High Court in London heard. She lost the chance when her mother died at Whipps Cross hospital, Leytonstone, London, in July 1983.

Mrs Letitia Yaa Akoma Oduro, aged 32, died two days after an operation to wash her sinuses out. The court was told that during an emergency attempt to rescusitate her an air tube was put down the oesophagus instead of the trachea and her stomach instead of her lungs was inflated.

Waltham Forest Health Authority admitted liability for the accident last month.

Mr Peter Latham, counsel for the administrators of Mrs Oduro's estate, said Mrs Oduro, a princess, was "by far the strongest candidate to succeed".

She had two part-time jobs, as a chambermaid and lavatory attendant in two London hotels but she would have returned to Ghana to become the next queen mother. The present queen, Mrs Abena Gyamfua, is aged about 71. There she would have expected a gross annual income of about £45,000.

Her daughter would have followed her to Ghana where they would have lived with as many servants as they wished in the 15-room royal palace. The single storey brick building has a corrugated sheet iron roof, no main electricity or running water and bucket latrines for toilets. Water is collected by hand from nearby rivers. But the queen mother is the true matriarch of the 500,000-strong tribe.

Mr Latham said up to 500 tenants would have visited her every 40 days, with a £10 gift of cash or crops from the rich cocoa growing land around her seat at Abene.

In addition, the other members of the tribe pay £10 each day to the tribal elders who give one-third to the paramount chief, tribal equivalent of king. One-tenth of his portion goes to the queen mother.

The queen "has great power and influence and is the person who chooses the paramount chief". Mr Latham said she was the senior person in the tribe. Succession passes down to her sisters, daughters and nieces.

Mr Steven Asante, aged 45, of Cologne Road, Battersea, London, who gave evidence in full tribal dress, said Mrs Oduro was his "true blood sister". She spoke fluent Twi, the tribal language.

He and his wife took Jennifer in after the death of her mother, although Jennifer had first learnt of her mother's death on Sunday.

He said Jennifer had never been to Ghana and did not speak Twi.

Mr Latham told Mr Justice Otton that at one stage the family attempted to persuade Jennifer that her Aunt Mary was her mother.

The administrators of the estate are claiming £460,000 damages under the 1976 Fatal Accidents Act. Mr Latham said the claim included more than £8,000 funeral expenses.

They were higher than normal, partly because of the cost of shipping Mrs Oduro's hi-fi, cooker, fridge and tribal clothes back to Ghana as it was "taboo" to dispose of them in this country.

The claim also includes the cost of a four-day thanksgiving service which took place at a Presbyterian church in Ghana.

Mr Stephen Miller, for Waltham Forest health authority said he would be calling expert anthropological evidence to prove that Mrs Oduro would not necessarily have succeeded to the Stool had she survived.

He said the figures quoted for the amounts given to the Stool were "wildly inflated."

Black guardsman challenges the Army

CHRIS HARRIS

Mr Winston Lindsay arriving at the industrial tribunal in London yesterday and on duty as a Grenadier Guard at the Guards' Depot at Pirbright, Surrey.

A black guardsman vilified by colleagues in the Grenadier Guards launched a legal campaign yesterday against the Ministry of Defence for alleged racial discrimination (Michael Horsnell writes).

Mr Winston Lindsay was discharged from the Army when he went absent without leave after allegedly being ridiculed and bullied, including having his head held under water until he feared he would drown.

Mr Lindsay, aged 25, of Hammersmith, west London, tried to rejoin the Army last year but was turned down.

In a test case at an industrial tribunal brought by the Commission for Racial Equality, which is seeking to show that black soldiers suffer discrimination, he challenged the Army's refusal to re-enlist him. Mr Lindsay, who in January 1988 became only the second black recruit accepted by the Grenadier Guards, was discharged nine months later for going absent without leave.

With the encouragement of an Army careers office, he applied to rejoin last August, but was turned down.

At a preliminary hearing at Ebury Bridge Road, central London, the tribunal ruled that it had the jurisdiction to hear his claim that the refusal amounted to "racial discrimination and victimization".

Mr Lindsay's right to be heard came after an initial representation from the Ministry of Defence that an industrial tribunal was not legally empowered to hear the case. However, Helen Rogers, for the Treasury Solicitor, withdrew the objection. She said there had been "considerable confusion" over the nature of the case.

Legal argument will continue over the extent to which Mr Lindsay can back his case with allegations of racialism. Such complaints from serving soldiers are normally dealt with internally by the Army.

After the hearing, Mr Lindsay, now a warehouseman, said: "I just want to get back in the Army. I am very happy with the way things are going."

Mr John Whitmore, legal director for the commission, which is representing him, said: "This case is important because there have been a number of allegations of harrassment in the Army. Here is a case where the industrial tribunal has jurisdiction over part of what has happened.

"We say the harrassment and way Mr Lindsay was treated may well have infected the subsequent decision of the Army to refuse to allow him to re-enlist. But there is going to be an issue as to how far we can bring evidence about his experience in the Army and how far that bore on the issue of his re-enlistment."

Mr Whitmore confirmed that, under Queen's Regulations, Mr Lindsay should have declared a conviction for actual bodily harm before joining the guards, but had failed to do so. The case was adjourned until March 5 to discuss admissibility of evidence.

Blacks and Asians in the Armed Forces number only 9,510, or 3 per cent, of the total strength of 317,000.

The Ministry of Defence will publish a report today by Peat, Marwick and McLintock, the City analysts, on the problems of recruiting ethnic minorities. It is said to contain "unpalatable facts".

There are few black senior NCOs. The commission alleges black servicemen have poor promotion prospects, are "noticeably absent" on big ceremonial occasions and frequently face brutal attacks.

Project aims to ease court fears for victims of crime

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Victims of crime and witnesses will be helped to cope with the trauma of appearing in court under a project being launched in seven crown courts nation-wide with funding from the Home Office.

The project, set up by the charity Victim Support, involves trained volunteers, supervised by full-time co-ordinators, being available to explain to victims and witnesses the court layout and procedures and give information and emotional support.

It will involve the co-operation of judges, the Crown Prosecution Service, probation service, police, and court staff.

The scheme follows a report in 1988 from a Victim Support working party which uncovered widespread anxiety over court appearances.

The report showed that victims were overawed by the court setting; did not understand what would happen when they went into the witness box; and they were not kept informed about the progress of their case.

Launching the scheme yesterday, Lord Windlesham, former Home Office minister and former chairman of the Parole Board, said that the project was "far-reaching".

"A just society depends on the reporting of crime and the giving of evidence. Victims are central to that process, yet until now they often appear to have been ignored."

The criminal justice system needed to find ways of exploring what was happening to victims and why, and listening to what they had to say.

Users of the scheme will be referred by court officials, the police or the Crown Prosecution Service.

Miss Helen Reeves, Victim Support director, said yesterday: "Most victims and witnesses have never been inside a court before. They have no idea what to expect and are often shocked by the insensitivity of the legal process ... Many leave court feeling that the experience was worse than the crime itself."

The project is already under way at Maidstone, Kent, and Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland. Wood Green, north London; Newcastle, Preston, Liverpool, and Manchester are the other centres.

The Home Office is contributing £14,000 for each court co-ordinator and the rest of the running costs will come from charitable donations. The two-year project will be assessed by researchers from Birmingham University.

If successful, it may be extended to all crown courts in England and Wales.

Yesterday a mother, "Karen", who had been helped by Victim Support at Maidstone, said she had gone to court after her daughter aged five was abused by a neighbour. "It frightened the life out of me; the whole set up." Her anxiety was greatly eased by a Victim Support volunteer, she said.

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Budget projections

Manchester could face £733 poll tax

By David Walker

Tory strategists anxious to recover the political initiative over the community charge yesterday seized on budget projections from Labour-controlled Manchester showing that "creative accounting" deals entered into during the 1980s could push the city's poll tax up to £733 an adult.

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, is understood to be considering whether and when to use his "tax-capping" powers. As with rate-capping, he is empowered to intervene and force a local authority to levy a poll tax at a level he considers appropriate, leaving the council to cut its costs accordingly.

Though Manchester is unlikely to settle its final figure until close to the March 11 deadline, forward projection by financial officials has embarrassed councillors' alleged efforts to blame poll tax levels in excess of Whitehall targets on inadequate government grants.

Mr Graham Stringer, leader of Manchester council — where Labour has a more than 50-seat majority — was yesterday in an all-day meeting of the policy committee.

Manchester's poll tax was always going to be higher than the £315 a person target given to it by the Department of the Environment. Other metropolitan districts facing problems similar to Manchester, including likely pay settlements for council officials well above the Government's norm, are projecting poll tax levels £100 above target. At £400 above target, Manchester's projection will be blamed on the council. It is obliged by law to tell Mr Patten of its projected poll tax. After securing the agreement of Parliament Mr Patten can then adjust the figure as he pleases. The capping procedures however take time and Manchester poll tax payers might not finally know their dues until May or even later.

Manchester's 1990-91 budget is projected to grow by more than 7 per cent in real terms — in addition to the 7 per cent that most councils are allowing for inflation in 1989-90.

The main reason for the growth is the need to make payments under several "deferred purchase" plans entered into by the council between 1986 and last year. Many city councils and London boroughs entered such arrangements in which they contracted with a financial institution to sell an asset (including in some cases town halls and street lamps) in exchange for a large loan on which interest payments would be deferred for a limited number of years.

Manchester's options include trying to defer payments for another year — with the likelihood that poll tax levels then will be even higher — or trying to cut expenditure.

Manchester's committees are already supposed to be examining options for reducing expenditure in such areas as education and cleaning.

PORTFOLIO

Win brings hopes of a new car

There were two winners of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum competition.

Mrs Mary Pyves, of Earls Court, west London, said that she had not decided what to do with her £1,000, although her daughter, a student, had already made plans. "Twenty-year-old girls can always spend money," Mrs Pyves said. "Jane will probably start campaigning for a new car."

Mrs Pyves does the competition every lunchtime with colleagues at the Arab-British Centre, where she is office manager. "I will certainly carry on now — fired with new enthusiasm."

Mr Roland Ablett, from Torquay, also wins £1,000.

Channel 4 in £40m campaign

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Films are the centrepiece of a £40 million winter season of programmes announced by Channel 4 yesterday.

A new season of *Film on Four* will include the British television première of 16 or more films made for the cinema which were financed largely by the channel. They include *Wish You Were Here*, starring Emily Lloyd.

The most extensive season devoted to women's cinema, *Women Call the Shots*, will include 28 feature films, animation features and documentaries from around the world, including *Rue Cases Negres* by Euzhan Palcy.

A new strand of one-hour documentaries, a live rock programme, a new situation comedy and the return of *Out on Tuesday*, a series for homosexual people, will also figure prominently on Channel 4 between February and Easter.

● Television and radio coverage of environment and Third World issues could be cut drastically if deregulatory proposals in the broadcasting Bill become law, a report by the Third World and Environment Broadcasting Project said yesterday. Groups including Oxfam and Friends of the Earth called for a third of ITV and Channel 5 programmes to be factual.

● Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of News Corporation, is leading a delegation of company executives to Eastern Europe, including Czechoslovakia, Romania, Poland and Hungary. News International recently purchased 50 per cent shares in two Budapest newspapers.

● David Yallop, a writer for the *Eastenders* television series, is claiming damages from the BBC for alleged breach of contract.

Women and work

'Corporate culture must allow for career breaks'

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

Employers must encourage larger numbers of women to return to work after they have had children or face a huge shortfall in skills and a resulting over-heating of the labour market well into the 1990s, according to a comprehensive survey by the Institute of Manpower Studies.

Researchers at the institute found that, while companies will be looking for an extra 1.5 million workers over the next five years, the number of additional employees seeking work will be 912,000 — 83 per cent of them women.

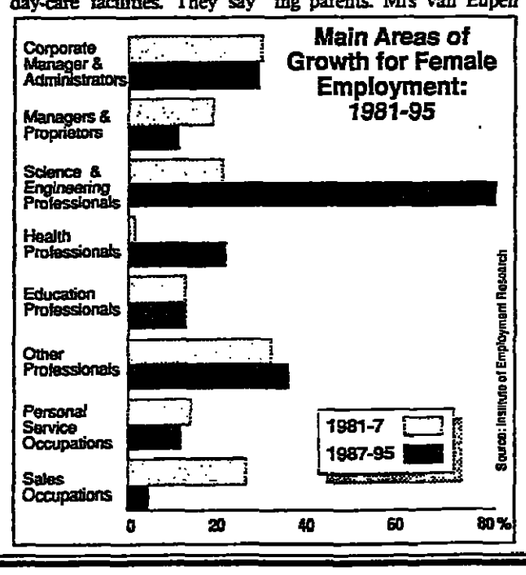
However, employers will find it difficult to attract women and keep them unless they set up so-called "career-break" programmes, which allow women to take time away from work to start a family and return to the same jobs.

In their report, *Good Practices in Employment of Women Returners*, Mr Amin Rajan and Mrs Penny van Eupen say, however, that the provision of crèche facilities "is not the panacea that it has been made out to be".

They say that a good scheme "should focus on child care and child support over the whole cycle, rather than the earliest formative years".

In a survey of 12 main companies, the researchers found an increasing need for day-care facilities. They say the facilities should be publicly funded, claiming that general provision would reduce costs.

They point to the lead of other European countries in providing child care for working parents. Mrs van Eupen said that in France, the authorities had a statutory obligation under the *Maternelle* system to provide nursery education for all children.



The report says that most of the growth in employment will be in skilled areas that attract highly-qualified women. In the next five years, female employment will increase by 10 per cent, compared with 4 per cent for men.

"The next generation of female jobs are likely to be in skilled categories covering managerial, administrative, scientific, engineering, health and other professions," the report says.

Employers are increasingly interested in retaining female employees, the report claims, because they are flexible, better at teamwork and more adaptable to change than men. They are also "co-operative rather than competitive and better at working in groups", the researchers say.

The report recommends that career-break programmes, still at a nascent stage in Britain, need to become part of the corporate culture, and should be coupled with retraining programmes to prepare women for re-entry to the workforce.

Barclays and Lloyds banks, STC Ltd, Royal Insurance, Leicester City Council, and British Gas, Esso, Boots, the British Council, BP, the Electricity Council and the Littlewoods Organization are all cited as good examples of employers taking steps to attract women back to work.

● The first joint National Health Service and private sector nursery for children of hospital staff opened yesterday at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, Berkshire (Jill Sherman writes).

The nursery, which is being run jointly by the hospital and Midlands Bank, is the first of a series of joint ventures with the bank, aimed at attracting skilled women back to jobs in banking and the health service.

● An additional £96,000 grant this year for the Equal Opportunities Commission was announced by Mr John Patten, Home Office Minister of State, yesterday (Quentin Cowdry writes).

Sprinter jailed for killing son aged two

By Ray Clancy

A former athlete who won two gold medals at the 1962 Commonwealth Games was jailed for five years yesterday after he pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of his son aged two.

Serafino Antao, aged 51, was looking after his son Andrew at home in Sittingbourne, Kent, last January when the boy died, Maidstone Crown Court heard.

Mrs Janet Antao, a tax consultant, arrived home from work to find her son lying dead face-down on his bed.

Her husband lay nearby, covered in blood, after trying to kill himself with an electric carving knife, the court was told.

Mr Brian Leary QC, for the prosecution, said Antao began drinking heavily and became depressed.

He sometimes acted violently towards his wife and on one occasion she called the police after he beat her.

When she began earning more than he did Antao stayed at home while she went out to work and he became even more depressed.

At the end of 1988 Antao told his wife that one day she would come home and find both him and their son dead.

Antao said in the statement he was so depressed he decided to kill himself.

He ran a bath and got in after putting an electric lamp in the water.

He said he received a shock, then his son appeared in the bathroom and fell in.

A pathologist found the boy died from electrocution and drowning.

Antao, who won his medals running for Kenya in the 100 and 200 yard sprints in Perth, Australia, then swallowed half a bottle of tablets, some cough mixture and kitchen cleaner before plugging in the knife and trying to kill himself.

The court heard Antao had had a glittering athletics career.

Mr Tom Clarke, sports editor of *The Times*, described him as "a national hero" who was responsible for bringing Asian and African athletics together for the first time.

"He was a dignified and gentle man concerned for his fellow beings," Mr Clarke said.

Antao denied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished resonsiblity.

He sobbed as the judge Mr Justice Boreham passed sentence and told him: "I have no doubt at the time this little boy's life was terminated, a very substantial responsiblity remained."

High Court challenge to Social Fund operation

The poor are being unlawfully denied financial help from the Social Fund, despite the Government's aim of making grants more widely available, two High Court judges were told yesterday.

The Government's intention when introducing the fund in place of the supplementary benefit system was apparently to give very wide discretion to the local officials who decide who will receive grants, said Mr Richard Drabble, counsel for three applicants who have launched the first legal challenges to the new system, backed by the Child Poverty Action Group and Sheffield Law Centre

He said the three cases showed that the operation of the fund requires applicants to demonstrate that they come within rigid guidelines, which limits opportunities for appraisals of individual circumstances. This is very different, he said, from the discretion envisaged by the 1986 Social Security Act. "The framework set up by the Secretary of State is incompatible with the statute and is unlawful," Mr Drabble said.

He added that each of the three cases raised its own distinctive points, but all gave serious cause for concern about the present working of the fund.

The first of the three cases concerns Mr Samuel Stitt, an unemployed father of six, from Holycross, Newcastle, who was refused a grant to assist with the care of two-year-old triplets while he attended an employment training scheme.

A local Social Fund officer had based the refusal on the grounds that "the law says that we cannot pay for the kind of items that you say you need".

The officer had no doubt reached this decision with regard to directions issued by the Secretary of State indicating that there was no discretion to make payments in respect of domestic assistance and respite care.

Mr Drabble told Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill that this brought sharply into focus "the ability of the Secretary of State to issue a direction, as he claims to have done, excluding particular categories of need from consideration at all under the scheme".

The second case concerned Mr Derek Roberts, of Wybourn, Sheffield, a father of seven who had been unemployed for about eight years. He was refused a grant to help with removal expenses to a five-bedroom house.

The third case involved Mr Glenn Sherwin, aged 19, of Norfolk Park, Sheffield, who was refused a grant to buy carpets, curtains, beds and bedding for a council flat.

The trial continues today.

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Church leaders reaffirm commitment to Christian unity

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Editor

The three principal leaders of English Christianity – the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council – publicly committed themselves anew last night to work for the unity of the Church.

They were taking part in a service at Westminster Cathedral, attended by hundreds of leaders and representatives of more than 30 denominations, to celebrate the official entry of the Roman Catholic Church into the modern ecumenical movement 25 years ago. It was the main national event marking this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and it also marked the creation of new church unity bodies which will take over the work of the British Council of Churches later this year.

Cardinal Basil Hume of Westminster warned them that the church unity movement may face years of frustration and incomprehension before it succeeds. "Discouragement does at times tend to damp enthusiasm, and I for one must admit to occasional bouts of it."

They had to resist the temptation to take short cuts, he said. True ecumenism needed integrity and a fearless search for truth. As an example of an undesirable short cut he reminded them of the rule restricting the reception of Holy Communion in Catholic churches to those who were already Catholics.

The Second Vatican Council made ecumenism a duty for all Roman Catholics, he said. The baptism they shared with non-Catholics established a sacramental bond of unity between them. But it was incomplete.

The service, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's decree on ecumenism, was also addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, the Rev John Newton.

Dr Runcie said no ecumenical initiative could fully succeed today without Roman Catholic participation. He praised the influence of three Roman Catholics on the church unity movement, particularly Cardinal John Henry Newman, the centenary of whose death is being commemorated this year. Newman's studies on the development of doctrine had set the scene for future ecumenical progress. "I am clear that our own church and most other communions have not yet begun to think seriously about this."

There were difficulties ahead, but "the price of greater unity is that we care as friends and not as competitors about the things we don't like in each other's churches. That is a major shift."

He also praised Pope John XXIII, under whose influence the Roman Catholic Church had made a major change in its self-understanding with regard to other churches, by no longer insisting that "the Church of God" was exclusively to be *found within its own* ranks. And he said without Pope John's successor, Pope Paul VI, the work for unity with other churches initiated by the Second Vatican Council would not have made the progress it did.

Dr Newton, a Methodist, drew attention to the growing interest among Protestants and Anglicans in the Virgin Mary, particularly through the growing international and trans-denominational membership of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

If it was God's will that the churches should be one, "then whatever the prevailing winds we must press on with our pilgrimage together". He did not believe the ecumenical movement had run into the sand.

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Experts seek urgent research into risk of 'mad cow' disease

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Specialists advising the Government on the cattle disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), are worried that it may be more hazardous than has been acknowledged publicly by Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Mr Gummer insisted in Brussels yesterday that British beef was safe and demanded the lifting of West German import restrictions.

However, a report by a consultative committee on research into spongiform encephalopathies, which was submitted to the Ministry last June and published only two weeks ago, discloses anxieties about the possibility of the disease spreading to other species, including humans.

The report questions assumptions upon which present policies to control its spread are based. It calls for a number of urgent research projects into BSE. Many are to be funded with the grants amounting to £12 million announced by the Government to coincide with the publication of the report.

"We need to be reassured that further spread in cattle or to new species will not take place. We need to be sure that the disease really came from sheep and to know whether it is likely to establish itself long-term in bovines," the committee says.

"Some uncertainty remains as to whether all possible routes of transmission from bovine and ovine [sheep] tissues to other species have been considered and appropriate action taken." International researchers agree that scrapie is not the cause of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), a rare and incurable brain disease in humans. However, the report says: "It is urgent that the same reassurance can be given about the lack of effect of BSE on human health. The best way of doing this is to monitor all UK cases of CJD over the next two decades."

If BSE were to prove to be a risk to humans, the committee warns that "it must not be assumed that cases would present as typical CJD, but perhaps might have atypical features".

The monitoring of these cases should include examples of potential "high risk" groups, such as slaughtermen, veterinary surgeons and patients regularly receiving drugs derived from cattle products.

The committee says that spongiform encephalopathies have not been found in domesticated species other than sheep, goats and cattle. "It is possible, however, that other species may prove susceptible to BSE, or that while not themselves showing typical signs of infection, they may have the potential to pass BSE on to other animals, perhaps even including man."

Experience with scrapie suggests that many species may be susceptible to BSE.

With this in mind, the health of species which are fed sheep offal must be monitored. These include pigs, pet cats and dogs and poultry. Cats have been shown to be susceptible to experimental infection with spongiform encephalopathies, the committee says.

It says it is essential that researchers measure BSE infectivity in a range of cattle organs, tissue and secretions which could transmit the disease to other animals and to man. Included under those are the heart, liver, kidneys, muscle, milk, semen and embryos.

The report says many of the practical measures taken by the Ministry, such as the compulsory slaughter of cattle affected by BSE and a ban on the feeding to cattle of protein derived from sheep products, were based on "shrewd judgements" of the analogy between the disease and scrapie in sheep.

However, if preliminary studies showed these judgements were incorrect, it would be essential to have well-documented facts available so that the present policies could be effectively revised, the report says.

The committee was chaired by Dr David Tyrrell, former director of the Medical Research Council's Common Cold Unit. He said yesterday: "Not all of the questions we raised are going to be answered. In the real world, there are not enough people and not enough money to do all we suggest."

He added: "I am not clear which of the research projects we recommended will be funded and which will not."

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Canova's £7.6m 'Three Graces' on show

STEPHEN MARKESON

Canova's 'The Three Graces' on public view yesterday for the first time in five years in the lofty entrance hall at the V&A.

A race began yesterday to raise £7.6 million in seven weeks to prevent Canova's "The Three Graces" being exported to the Getty Museum, Malibu, California.

Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, launched the appeal as the neo-classical statue symbolizing beauty was put on public view for the first time in five years.

"We have only seven weeks to raise the money for this extraordinarily beautiful sculpture which so clearly belongs in England and is such an essential part of the English cultural heritage," she said.

Funding sources such as the National Heritage Memorial Fund and corporate donors would be approached. "But above all, we rely on the generosity of the British public," she said as the appeal began with £250,000 from the National Art-Collections Fund.

Sir Peter Wakefield, director of the fund, said the campaign would be a test of government rules on the export of works of art. "It has been working well, but the prices now are such that it is under terrible strain. This is a test case of how well it is able to continue to work. It all depends on whether there is enough money in the system," he said.

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"The object is something that everybody agrees is a prime thing to retain and we shall fight all we can to retain it, but the system itself will also be under examination."

The export mechanism used to control the sale of works of art abroad was praised at a seminar organised by the fund last November. However, Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the fund, said that if it could not save work of the quality of the Canova it would rightly lose the confidence of the art world and the nation.

The sculpture was sold by the Tavistock family to an anonymous buyer for £1.25 million in 1985 and is being offered to the Getty Museum for £7.6 million by an anonymous company based in the Cayman Islands. The V&A has until March 12 to match the price.

The heritage lobby believes the mystery over ownership may hinder the effectiveness of a public appeal. Only Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, and Mr Jonathan Scott, chairman of the Government Reviewing Committee for the Export of Works of Art, know the owner's name. Mrs Esteve-Coll said: "We buy at auction and confidentiality is part of the normal process."

Save Britain's Heritage launched an emergency report yesterday in which Sir Ernst Gombrich, the art historian, said future generations "will never forgive us if we allow one of Canova's masterpieces to leave this country".

Mr Scott, a contributor to the report, called for the reintroduction of the "indefinite stop" on important art works.

Arts funding

Poll tax casts doubt over council cash

By Simon Tait
Arts Correspondent

Local authorities in England and Wales account for more than a third of all arts funding, according to a survey by the National Campaign for the Arts (NCA).

However, their support, at present amounting to £188 million a year, could be theatened by the poll tax and the uniform business rate, says the NCA in its report, *The NCA Local Arts League*.

The report discloses that the South-east and the Home Counties are among the least generous to the arts. West Sussex, which contains the Shoreham constituency of Mr Richard Luce, the Minister for the Arts, spends less than any other county, at 5p per person.

This compares with average spending of £5.11 per person in England and Wales, and places West Sussex at the bottom of a list of 39 counties. The most generous of these is Leicestershire, which spends £3.44 per person.

Sharing joint second from bottom, spending 9p per person, are Essex, East Sussex and Hertfordshire.

LOCAL AUTHORITY ARTS EXPENDITURE 1989/90

	£ per head
London (inc City)	12.84
London (exc City)	4.47
Metropolitan Districts	4.05
Non-Metropolitan Areas*	
England	4.34
Wales	4.69
Total	5.11

*Areas include an aggregation of spending by county councils and by districts within county areas.

SELECTED CITIES

	£ per head
1 Swansea	13.07
2 Southampton	12.47
3 Portsmouth	12.36
4 Kingston-upon-Hull	12.20
5 Nottingham	12.16
6 Stoke-on-Trent	8.63
7 Bristol	7.79
8 Leicester	7.43
9 Plymouth	6.88
10 Cardiff	5.92

WELSH COUNTIES

	£ per head
1 Clwyd	4.31
2 Gwynedd	1.48
3 Dyfed	1.23
4 South Glamorgan	0.91
5 West Glamorgan	0.16
6 Mid Glamorgan	0.07

Omitted: Powys and Gwent for failing to return forms for at least two years.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS

	£ per head
1 Bradford	9.26
2 Newcastle-upon-Tyne	8.09
2 Wolverhampton	8.09
4 Sheffield	6.43
5 Coventry	6.41
6 Birmingham	6.30
7 Kirklees	6.01
8 Leeds	5.48
9 Calderdale	4.77
10 Sefton	4.32*
11 Sunderland	3.94
12 Bolton	3.86
13 Barnsley	3.79
14 Wigan	3.65
15 Rotherham	3.32
16 Doncaster	3.28
17 South Tyneside	3.19
18 Salford	2.59
19 Dudley	2.29
20 Stockport	2.00
21 Wirral	1.99
22 Gateshead	1.89*
23 Oldham	1.72
24 Bury	1.47
25 St Helens	1.23*
26 Trafford	1.21
27 Knowsley	0.97
27 Rochdale	0.97*
27 Walsall	0.97*
30 Sandwell	0.87
31 Liverpool	0.80
32 Solihull	0.50

Omitted: Manchester, North Tyneside, Tameside, and Wakefield, for failing to return forms for at least two years.

*figures refer to 1988/89

(All figures are from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, *Leisure and Recreation Estimates, 1989/90.*)

ENGLISH COUNTIES

	£ per head
1 Leicestershire	3.44
2 Norfolk	2.16
3 Isle of Wight	2.13
4 Lincolnshire	2.09
5 Oxfordshire	2.06
6 Cleveland	1.51
7 Durham	1.29
8 Nottinghamshire	1.19
9 Somerset	1.14
10 Warwickshire	1.11
11 Hampshire	1.08
12 Shropshire	1.05
13 Derbyshire	1.04
14 North Yorkshire	0.96
15 Staffordshire	0.88
16 Lancashire	0.82*
17 Northumberland	0.72*
18 Suffolk	0.71
19 Cheshire	0.70*
20 Devon	0.64
21 Buckinghamshire	0.60
22 Wiltshire	0.59
23 Humberside	0.56
24 Bedfordshire	0.44
25 Cornwall	0.41
26 Avon	0.35
27 Hereford and Worcester	0.31
28 Kent	0.29
29 Gloucestershire	0.28
30 Dorset	0.27
31 Cumbria	0.26
32 Northamptonshire	0.22
33 Cambridgeshire	0.21
34 Surrey	0.14
35 Berkshire	0.12
36 Essex	0.09
36 East Sussex	0.09
36 Hertfordshire	0.09
39 West Sussex	0.05

*figures refer to 1988/89

Promoter faces fraud charges

Ambrose Mendy, the sports promoter, appeared in court yesterday charged with nine offences of fraud involving almost £2 million. The original charge of conspiracy to defraud a bank was dropped.

Mr Mendy, aged 35, the chairman of the World Sports Corporation, was remanded on bail until March 5 by Guildhall Magistrates' Court in the City of London.

Mr Stephen Barraclough, for the prosecution, said the nine new offences faced by Mr Mendy, of Draycott Road, Wanstead, north-west London, included alleged attempts to defraud the Australia and New Zealand Bank of £820,000 and the Banque Nationale de Paris of £354,000 by using forged letters of authority.

Bat delay

A £10-million project to create an historical centre in a former foundry near Falmouth, Cornwall faces a year's delay after bats, a protected species, were found in the roof.

Crime statistic

The Post Office has apologized to the publishers of *Justice of the Peace*, the weekly paper for magistrates, after an envelope containing annual crime statistics arrived five months late because it was stolen.

Kidnap charge

Terry Simmons, vice-president of Darlington Chamber of Trade, Co Durham, was remanded in custody by magistrates in the town accused of abducting a local property developer and demanding £50,000 with menaces.

Pub buyout

Regulars at the Roebuck Inn at Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, angry that the public house has had four owners in five years, are hoping to raise £225,000 to buy it themselves.

Race case rise

Cases of racial harassment reported by Sheffield City Council tenants have risen from 37 to 85 in a year.

Litter free

Nature-lovers are to be admitted free of charge to Margam Deer Park, near Port Talbot, South Wales, on condition they help clear up litter.

EC bike directive 'courting disaster'

By Libby Jukes

Safety regulations issued by the European Commission classing small bicycles as toys may be "courting disaster", according to Mr Sandy Roberts, managing director of Raleigh Industries.

Raleigh, Britain's largest bicycle manufacturer, ceased production of children's bicycles on January 1 when an EC toy-safety directive was extended to models with a saddle height of 435-635mm.

The directive, which has been incorporated into British standards legislation, requires such bicycles to be fitted with single fixed-wheel, spoon or back-pedal brakes, because a child is deemed incapable of exerting sufficient force to operate a calliper system.

"The toy standards are fine for a front-wheel-drive trike," Mr Roberts said, "but it is administrative nonsense to apply them to pavement cycles, where the child's feet are not readily in contact with the ground. We will not manufacture bikes with less braking requirement, because it would mean models used by children as old as eight going out which are fundamentally unsafe."

Mr David Jenkins, Consumer Safety Adviser to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, agreed.

"There are tens of thousands of accidents every year involving children falling off bikes because they brake too suddenly and become unstable," he said. "Calliper brakes are safer because they enable a gradual application of force. Fitted to small bikes, they are a useful educational aid for teaching children to manipulate deceleration before they move on to an adult-sized frame."

Coffee to cost 20p less as world prices slump

By Paul Wilkinson

Coffee prices in the shops should drop significantly in the next few weeks, the makers said yesterday.

Nestlé intends to cut 20p from the cost of a 100gm jar of coffees such as Gold Blend and Nescafé, and Kraft General Foods is considering similar reductions for its brands, which include Maxwell House and Kenco.

The announcements follow a big fall in the world price of coffee, which, until now, has not been matched by reductions in retail prices. In some cases, the price of instant coffee has continued to rise, in spite of a reduction in world prices by as much as half.

Last month Mr John Gummer, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, referred coffee prices to the Office of Fair Trading for investigation. Last weekend Mr Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, urged a speedy conclusion to the investigation in the light of the apparent discrepancy between prices on the world market and in the shops.

Announcing the cut, Nestlé, which has about half of the £550 million annual British retail market in instant coffee, denied that its move was a reaction to the government inquiry. "The price of coffee has dropped by more than 40 per cent since last summer, but it takes from six to eight months for that to work through to the shops," it said.

"We might have expected it to come before Christmas, but the hot summer meant a drop in coffee consumption, so it has taken a little longer. We still have to take into account the relationship between sterling and the dollar, which is the currency used to buy coffee, the rate of inflation and interest charges."

The company said that retail prices had not exactly reflected the fall on the world market because there had been a demand for more expensive beans, such as Arabica, for use in higher quality blends. Within the next few weeks, the price of instant coffee would be as low as it was in 1985, Nestlé said. It claimed that British consumers already paid less for instant coffee than most Europeans.

A 100gm jar of Gold Blend costs £2.70 in West Germany, or £2.18 in France, compared with £1.89 in Britain, the company said. Kraft General Foods said it was considering its position and expected to announce a price-cut shortly.

The Consumers' Association said it hoped the inquiry by the Office of Fair Trading would examine whether a monopoly existed or whether there was price-fixing.

Engineers design 'environment-friendly' power plant

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

A more efficient and environmentally friendly way of burning small quantities of coal, promising cheaper and cleaner energy in the 21st Century, has been designed by British engineers. The system – called a Chinese burner – could be installed in offices, hospitals and factories.

Tailor-made coal-fired boilers would produce steam to drive a turbine which creates energy for lighting and other electrical needs.

Engineers at Sheffield University, who have designed the burner, believe that it may be possible in the long term to adapt the system for households.

Until now pulverized coal could not be used in small-scale power stations, but, using the new system, it is automatically processed in a sealed container with minimal wastage and pollution.

It has been adapted from an idea devised by Peking scientists for use in Chinese power stations.

Sheffield University engineers, who have refined the burner for smaller-scale use, believe it can also reduce carbon dioxide emissions, the gas linked with global warming and the greenhouse effect. In a typical coal-fired power station, about two thirds of the fuel's energy is lost as heat from the cooling towers.

With the Chinese burner, this excess can be recovered and used to heat a building's water and rooms, according to Professor James Swithenbank, a fuel technologist in the university's Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering.

Large-scale power stations burn powdered or pulverized coal as a faster and more efficient way of operating. When smaller-scale boilers try to use such fuel the "flame goes out" and a great deal of the carbon fuel is left in the ash, he said yesterday. The Sheffield team has installed a device called a high velocity jet which draws back the hot combustion gases and products to the point at which the pulverized coal and air enter the system.

This creates the high mixing and right combustion conditions needed to keep the process going while allowing the boiler to respond rapidly when electricity demand rises.

As the Chinese boiler works well even with small quantities of fuel passing through, Professor Swithenbank believes a whole range of boilers could be designed for different premises.

Ban on child abuse publicity criticized

By David Sapsted and Michael Horsnell

A decision by a High Court judge to ban almost any public disclosures or discussion arising out of allegations of child sex abuse at a council-run home, aroused widespread criticism yesterday.

The local authority has obtained injunctions preventing its councillors and staff, as well as investigating police officers, from talking about the alleged offences.

The court orders also prohibit the press from identifying the home or the area of the country, and even the name of the judge who granted the injunctions in the Family Division of the High Court.

Mr Maurice Frankel, director of the Freedom of Information Campaign, said: "It would take a lot for me to be convinced that such a widespread ban was justified. Unfortunately, the use of the courts to gag public debate on important issues is becoming more common, with the Government itself too often leading the way in recent years.

"After the alleged child abuses came to light in Cleveland there was a wide and important public debate on what constituted child abuse. Nobody argued at the time that there should have been court action to hush up the whole thing."

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, and a leading campaigner against child abuse, called for an inquiry. "It's very disturbing there should be any hint of a cover-up in a borough which has not distinguished itself in child protection," he said.

It is understood that the council's director of social services sought the injunctions to prevent any repetition of a recent leak by a councillor of a confidential report on the case of a teenager in care in an unrelated case.

The Solicitors' Family Law Association said: "The courts have to draw a fine line between the public interest and the interests of the victims. Obviously, courts are concerned to protect the identity of children who could be damaged by publicity.

"However, in trying to strike this balance, courts sometimes do make injunctions that are much wider that necessary."

Crown court prison sentences 'resemble a national lottery'

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

Big discrepancies in the use of custody by crown courts is highlighted in a report published today by the National Association of Probation Officers (NAPO), which says sentencing in higher courts "resembles a national lottery".

In 1988, prison terms were imposed, on average, in just over 50 per cent of cases at first-tier courts — those handling the most serious offences such as murder and rape — compared with 38 per cent at *Mold Crown Court, Clwyd,* and 69 per cent at Wood Green, north London.

Equally wide disparities were found at tier-three courts, with judges at Portsmouth jailing 33 per cent of defendants and those at Coventry jailing 63 per cent.

The report said the differences were less sharp in second-tier courts, although there were worrying inconsistencies. At Oxford, custody was imposed in 63 per cent of cases, compared with 44 per cent at Durham.

A similar pattern emerged when the association examined sentences imposed for non-violent indictable offences in 1987. In North Wales, only 5.8 per cent of defendants aged 17 to 20 convicted of theft and handling stolen goods were jailed. In neighbouring Cheshire, the figure was 16 per cent.

Burglary ranged from 22.2 per cent in Dorset, 23.8 per cent in Gloucestershire, 43.7 per cent in Merseyside to 46 per cent in Cheshire.

Disparities affecting adult offenders were little better with defendants convicted in Cleveland of causing criminal damage four times more likely to go to prison than those in Powys, central Wales.

The association says the discrepancies, which it claims are also evident in the use of non-custodial options, stem from the lack of an agreed national sentencing framework and the effect of "local, often erratic sentencing cultures".

It says the solution lies with the creation of an independent sentencing council geared to cutting the use of prison to all but the most serious cases, the introduction of "stringent criteria" governing the use of custody and a review of the Lord Chancellor's powers to appoint and retire judges.

The survey results appear a fortnight before the publication of the White Paper on criminal justice, one of whose key objects is to reduce the courts' use of custody for less serious offenders.

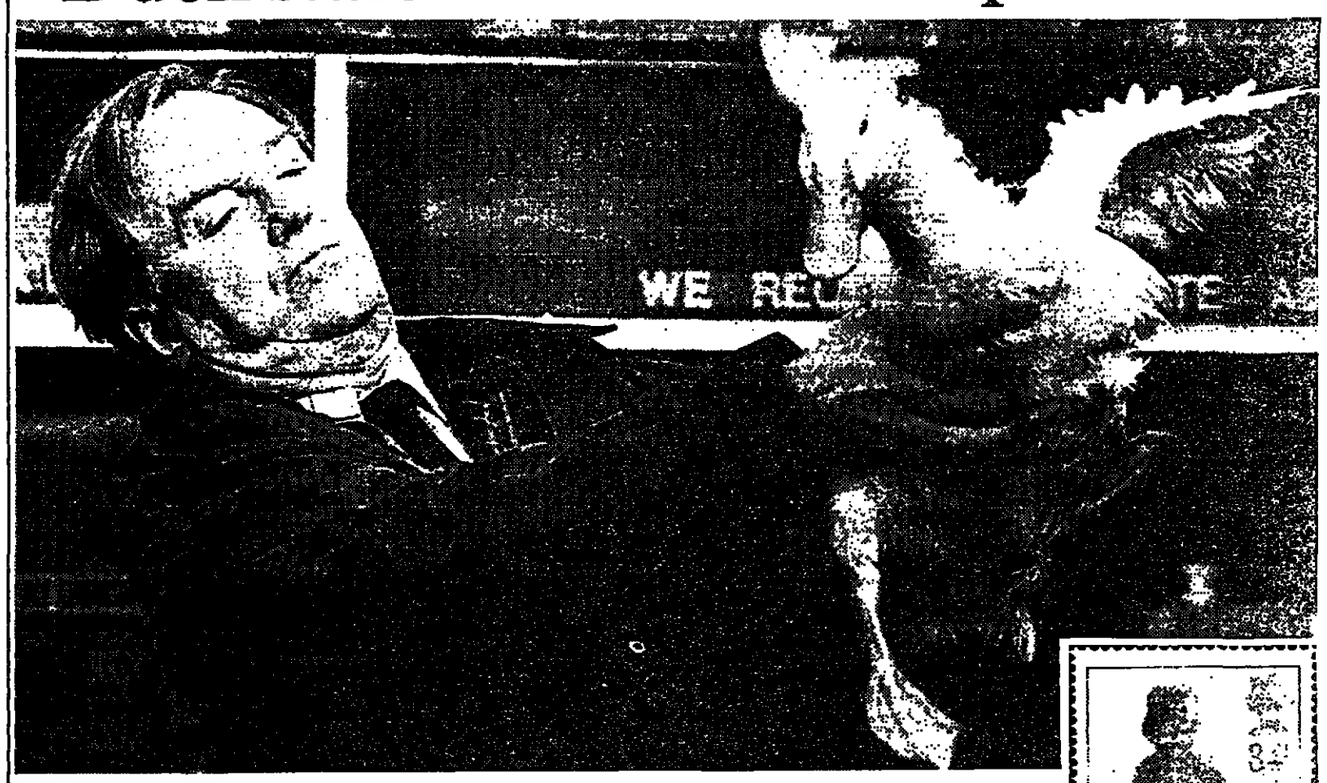
Mr Harry Fletcher, NAPO's assistant general secretary, was sceptical of the strategy. "The expected absence of any effective recommendations for controls on the judiciary's ability to imprison could even result in an increase in the jail population," he said.

● Inmates smashed a door and cracked open a metal safe in a shop run by prison officers to steal tobacco and batteries worth £500.

The raid was the second within a year on the shop at the low-security Channings Wood Prison, near Newton Abbot, South Devon. Mr Joe Mullens, the governor, said yesterday several prisoners had been interviewed by the police.

● Six inmates were overcome by smoke when a cell was set alight at a youth custody centre early yesterday. Officers evacated 54 prisoners at Mount Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, after a mattress was set alight. Fire officers took an hour to put out the blaze.

Duck stars at RSPCA stamp launch



Robert Hardy, the actor, more familiar as the vet Siegfried Farnon in the BBC TV series *All Creatures Great and Small*, loses control of Annie, the Aylesbury duck, at the launch of a set of four commemorative stamps issued today (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Four animals have been used to mark the 150th anniversary of the granting of a Royal Charter to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

A duckling appears on the 34p stamp (right) for airmail to North America. A puppy is on the 37p for airmail to Australia, a rabbit on the 29p for overseas postcards and a kitten is on the 20p for first class mail. Mr Tony Evans, the designer, said: "I wanted something to show in a simple way how the RSPCA helps animals. I hope people will look at the animals and say 'How could anyone be cruel to creatures like these?'"

An RSPCA spokesman said: "We are supposed to be a civilized nation, yet we destroy 120,000 animals a year of which 15,000 are unwanted puppies and kittens; 1,000 dogs a day are put down."

Policemen accused

Reckless driving denied by officers

A police officer accused of driving recklessly on the M25 said yesterday that on the day he was stopped it was vital that he catch a flight from Heathrow to France.

Chief Supt James Chalmers, of West Midlands police, told St Albans' magistrates, Herefordshire, that it was crucial that negotiations to buy a £1.1 million helicopter for his force be completed, which was why he had been in a hurry.

The contract had to be signed and operational equipment ordered. The helicopter was due to become operational on April 1 last year.

On March 13, he was a passenger in a car, driven by Chief Insp David Cocker, which was stopped by Hertfordshire police.

The court heard that the two policemen were seen heading south on the M1 in Hertfordshire, driving on the hard shoulder. They drove onto the M25, and again travelled on the hard shoulder, pursued by traffic police. Hertfordshire police said they saw the car, which was going too fast, cause a vehicle to swerve at a motorway entry road.

Mr Chalmers said he instructed Mr Cocker to drive on the hard shoulder to pass slow-moving traffic which was jamming all three lanes. Mr Chalmers said he had not seen a vehicle swerve and that their speed was not excessive.

Mr Chalmers, aged 49, a policeman for 30 years, whose division covers the "spaghetti junction" section of the M6, denies reckless driving. Mr Cocker denies driving recklessly and without due care. Earlier, he told the court that he had been travelling at 40 mph at most on the hard shoulder. He said he speeded up when he saw the police vehicle behind him, because he thought it might be hurrying to an accident.

Mr Chalmers said that it was crucial that the officers caught the flight to complete the purchase of the helicopter.

He said that unless it had air cover, his force could not give the public the standard of service it had come to expect.

Without an aircraft the murder of PC Galvin Carlton in Coventry might have become "another Hungerford", he said. After the officer was shot by two bank robbers a police helicopter helped to track down suspects.

The case continues.

● The head of Scotland Yard's press bureau was yesterday banned from the roads for 21 months after drink-driving at the height of the Christmas crackdown on drunken motorists.

Tim Mahony, aged 44, had drunk more than twice the legal limit when he was stopped for speeding at Pease Pottage on the M23 in West Sussex.

Mahony, of Church Close, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, admitted both offences. He was fined £275 and disqualified for 21 months for drink-driving, and fined £100 for speeding.

Mrs Sally Cole, for the prosecution, told Haywards Heath magistrates that police saw Mahony's Volvo, travelling south at more than 98mph early on December 30.

Mahony refused to comment after leaving the court.

Future of Roman finds still in doubt

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

Fourth-century Roman burial remains, including three skeletons, that were found last week in London are to be sent to the Museum of London for research, Mr David Miles, the director of the Oxford Archaeological Unit, said yesterday.

His statement allays fears that the finds — a complete skeleton and parts of three others dating, a piece of paving 50 square centimetres in size and a brooch — would have to be reinterred immediately. However, confusion persists as to their future.

Mr Miles, whose unit is carrying out the preliminary dig at the site in Redcross Way, Southwark, said Home Office officials and archeologists from the museum had met last week and agreed that all the finds, and any more from the site, would go to the museum for study.

He had advised City Gate Estates, the developers of the site and therefore the owners of any finds, that the material should go to the museum.

However, Mr Harvey Sheldon, head of the Museum of London's greater London archaeology department, said: "As far as I know, there is no agreement on the material coming to us.

"We would be prepared to take the finds, subject to the wishes of the developer and the local authority. But we haven't agreed to work on the human bones."

He said he had advised the Oxford unit to take advice from the developers and the local authority as to what they wanted to do with the finds. "If they want them to come to the museum we will have to work out what the cost of archiving and retaining the material would be."

He added that he was relieved that the finds were to be examined and studied before reburial.

"Over the past few years, considerable evidence has come to light of late Roman burial within the previously built up settlement of Southwark. That they should be found on the site presently under investigation should have come as no surprise."

Mr Miles denied allegations by the museum's archaeologists that the evaluation dig at Redcross Way was causing needless damage to the archaeology.

"Because of the financial situation the developers have decided not to develop there for the time being but to refurbish existing buildings with a view to new building in about five years's time. But they would still need to know about the archaeology, and we need to be able to dig to the lowest levels to make a complete report. It is a great deal less damaging than a complete excavation.

"We have not been put under any pressure by the developers, and it's wrong for the museum's archaeologists to infer that we are being unnecessarily hasty."

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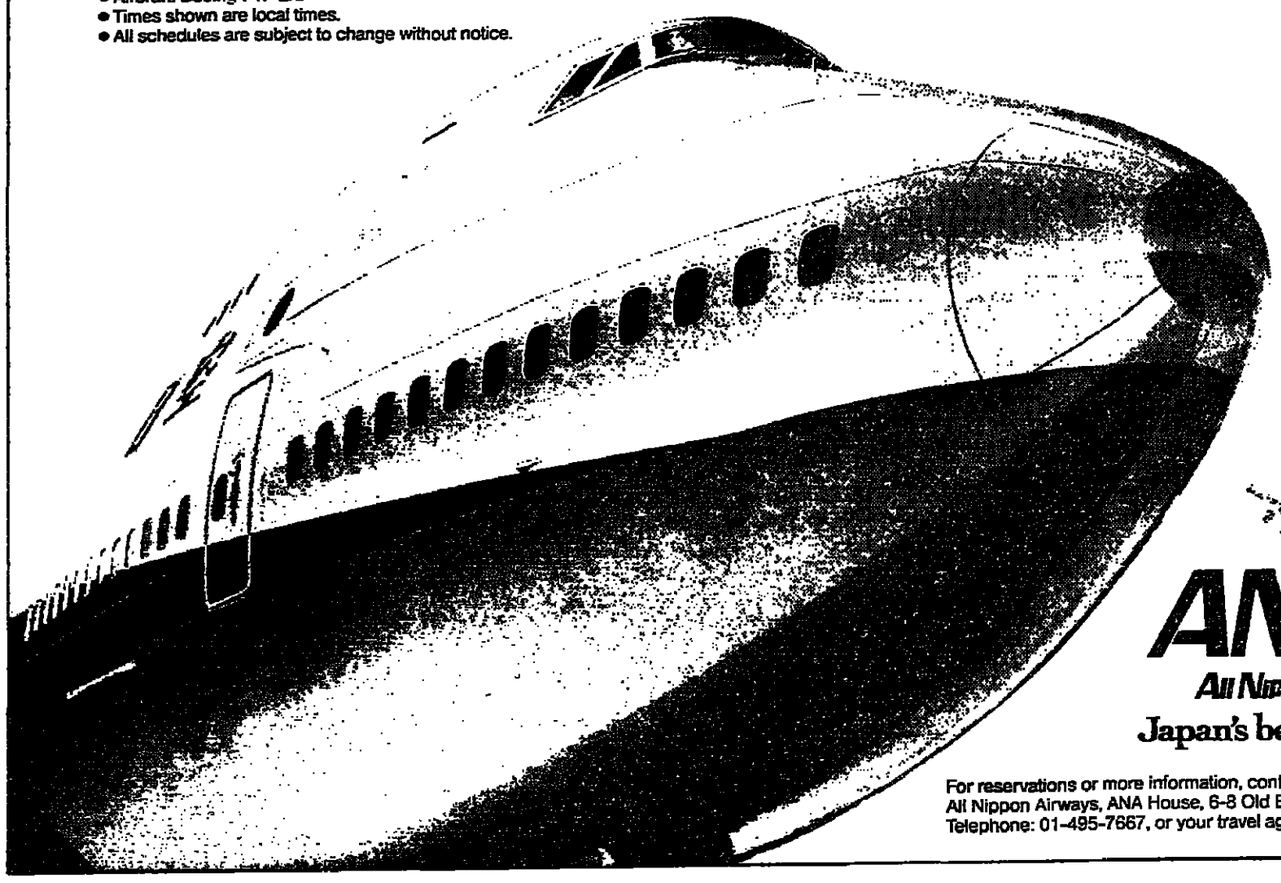

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Delhi crisis talks as 35 die in day of Kashmir violence

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi and Zahid Hussain, Karachi

The Indian Government has summoned all-party crisis talks on the Kashmir valley, which was under an indefinite curfew yesterday after a day of violence that claimed at least 35 lives.

Diplomatic tensions between India and Pakistan continued to escalate, with Islamabad berating Delhi for mishandling the crisis. Pakistan angrily denied Indian accusations that it was helping terrorists smuggle arms across the border.

Pakistan has placed its troops on the Indian border on high alert. While Delhi has charged Islamabad with involvement in Kashmir agitation, Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, is facing mounting pressure from the opposition Islamic Democratic Alliance and other Islamic fundamentalist political parties to support the agitation across the border.

Mr Sardar Abdul Qayum Khan, the president of Pakistani Kashmir, who met Miss Bhutto on Sunday, warned that his people might cross the border and start an armed struggle there if the Indian authorities continued their atrocities against Kashmiri Muslims.

The foreign ministers of India and Pakistan held talks in Delhi yesterday on a range of bilateral issues, but Kashmir assumed overwhelming importance.

Miss Bhutto incensed India by declaring that there could be "no compromise" over "the right of self-determination" for the people of Kashmir.

Miss Bhutto presided over a high-level meeting on Sunday to discuss the latest political development in Kashmir. According to a report, she expressed her Government's deep concern over the killings of Kashmiris by the Indian law-enforcement agencies.

The Prime Minister has also summoned a joint session of Parliament in the first week of February to discuss the uprising.

Even as the foreign ministers' talks progressed, Islamabad continued to criticize Delhi, which four days ago placed the state under direct rule after the discredited and much-hated government in Jammu and Kashmir had resigned.

Mr Tanvir Ahmad Khan, the Pakistani Foreign Secretary, the senior civil servant in the Foreign Ministry, said in Islamabad that his Government "categorically rejected" accusations that it was assisting Kashmiri terrorists.

In remarks underlining a sharp escalation of Pakistan's anti-Indian rhetoric on Kashmir, he said that the violence in the valley might mark a new stage "in the resistance of the Kashmiri people to repression".

Given such harsh language, there is little chance of progress in the talks between Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, the Pakistani Foreign Minister, and Mr Inder Gujral, the Indian External Affairs Minister.

After a 90-minute session, Mr Khan called on Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the Indian Prime Minister. Mr Singh did not announce when his proposed all-party talks would begin.

It is hard to see what they could achieve, however, given the undeniable fact that the separatist campaign in Kashmir enjoys overwhelming popular support.

More than two dozen terrorist groups propound a variety of aims, but they divide into three camps seeking either independence, unity with Pakistan, or a state-wide referendum on which option to choose.

Srinagar, the state capital, and other urban centres of the valley have been placed under curfew after the violence, which began when police fired on mobs that were defying a curfew. About 100 people were injured. The Army, which keeps large numbers of troops on emergency standby in the city, was called out.

Mr Jagmohan, appointed by Delhi on Friday as the new state governor, yesterday announced a "high-powered agency" to investigate what he called "corruption, nepotism and favouritism".

Corruption, certainly, is one of the key causes of the Kashmir crisis. No Kashmir government since partition in 1947 has been wholly democratic, and the last state election in 1987 was rigged. Mr Jagmohan said poverty and income disparities were the cause of the latest trouble.

The resignation of the state government over Delhi's "interference" in its affairs has been welcomed in the valley, where a bloated bureaucracy has prospered on fraud.

Anybody wanting a job as a teacher can expect to pay a minimum bribe of 10,000 rupees (£400).

Kashmir's youth, among the most educated in India, started acquiring weapons 18 months ago, mostly from arms bazaars in Pakistan. Extremists admit to using training camps in "Azad (free) Kashmir" on the Pakistan side of the line of control — camps that Islamabad claims to know nothing about.

Boat people refugees arrive in Britain

A Vietnamese father and his child after arriving at Heathrow from a Hong Kong refugee camp yesterday to join other members of their family who are already in Britain. They were among a party of 45 Vietnamese boat people, the first of about 2,000 who are to settle here this year.

A senior member of the Hong Kong's Legislative Council arrived at Heathrow yesterday for talks with Mrs Thatcher today at which he and colleagues will press for an increase in the pace at which democracy is to be introduced in the colony, regardless of the wishes of the Chinese Government (Michael Knipe writes).

"We are here to ask the British Government for the pace of democracy in Hong Kong to be speeded up as the people wish," Mr Allen Lee, the senior member of the colony's Legislative Council, said at the airport.

Together with Dame Lydia Dunn, the senior member of the Executive Council, he will urge the Government to ensure that at least half the legislature should be elected by 1997 when sovereignty is to be transferred to China. To accede to this demand would put Britain on a collision course with Peking, and there were no indications in Whitehall yesterday that the Government would adopt such dramatic measures.

At a meeting in Canton at the weekend Peking delegates proposed that only 30 per cent of the legislators should be elected at takeover. This would rise to 40 per cent in 1999, and 50 per cent in 2003.

The Canton announcement produced a mood of anger in Hong Kong and increased pressure for Britain to go it alone with more radical reforms.

A number of senior figures in Hong Kong have urged that if British plans do not include greater provision for reform, the legislators should resign as a group. Dame Lydia and Mr Lee will tell the Prime Minister that the colony wants 30 per cent of the local legislature to be directly elected next year and 50 per cent in 1995.

There is a strongly held view in Hong Kong that the Foreign Office is responding too sympathetically to the tough line being adopted in Peking, and another proposal favoured in the colony would be for Mrs Thatcher to appoint a senior minister with Cabinet rank to handle the affairs of Hong Kong up to 1997.

The people of Hong Kong have also been shocked by the confirmation by Peking officials that local business and civil leaders who receive British passports as an insurance policy against persecution by the Chinese Government after 1997 will not be allowed to hold top government jobs once China takes over.

The coincidental arrival of the boat people at Heathrow yesterday served as a timely reminder of the other issue of concern in Hong Kong. Some of the relatives of the first party to arrive had journeyed to Heathrow for emotional reunions with members of their families they had not seen since themselves leaving the Hong Kong camps.

Mr Tong Hoang, aged 50, from Woolwich, London, was waiting with his daughter, Teresa, aged 17, for his brother, Mr Bilh Hoang, and six members of his family. The family left Vietnam together in 1983 but have not seen each other for four years.

Miss Teresa Hoang, a student, said: "The last time I saw my uncle was four years ago when we were all together in the camp in Hong Kong. There are about 50 members of my family and I hope they will all be allowed to come to England."

After being reunited with his relatives at Terminal 4, Mr Bilh Hoang said: "We are very happy to see my family and be in London. We were told we would be allowed to come to Britain about a month ago. It's very difficult to get here. We've been trying for three years and have spent all that time in the camp in Hong Kong. Conditions there were terrible. I'm pleased to be out of the camp."

He added that his first priority in Britain would be to try to find a job and a secure future. For now, though, "I'm just pleased to be back with my family," he said.

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Comrade Slovo opts for the road to revisionism

From Gavin Bell
Johannesburg

Profound changes are taking place within an increasingly powerful political force in South Africa, which may improve prospects for non-racial democracy in a post-apartheid era.

After decades of rigid adherence to Stalinist dogma, the South African Communist Party is belatedly coming to terms with reality and espousing social democracy and all it entails — multi-party politics, a mixed economy, and freedom of speech, press and religion.

The conversion, of almost road-to-Damascus proportions, is important in view of the party's long-standing strategic alliance with the African National Congress, and its growing support in black townships where the Soviet flag with the party's acronym has become one of the most credible symbols of resistance to apartheid.

A small, secretive organization banned in South Africa and based with the ANC in Lusaka, the party wields influence in the nationalist movement out of all proportion to its small cadre of activists.

When the ANC unveiled its "Freedom Charter" at a rally in Soweto in 1955, one of its authors, *prohibited from attending by a* restriction order, watched the proceedings through binoculars from a nearby rooftop. The man was Mr Joe Slovo, later to become general-secretary of the Communist Party and Stalinist *éminence grise* in the ANC corridors of power.

Mr Slovo's revisionism is all the remarkable in view of his previously unwavering and uncritical support for every action and excess of the Soviet Union. When the Italian Communist Party clashed with Moscow over Poland and Afghanistan, Mr Slovo praised both the crackdown and the invasion. Hungary 1956, East Berlin 1960, Czechoslovakia 1968, Afghanistan 1979 — not once did the party demur from Soviet propaganda.

But all this was before President *Gorbachov's glasnost shook the* foundations of communism. An indication that political tremors from Eastern Europe had reached South Africa emerged at the 7th congress of the party in Havana last June, when it adopted a new programme called "Paths to Power". The first revision of tenets deemed *immutable* for almost 30 years, it finally denounced the repression of the Stalinist era, recognized the legitimacy of a multi-party parliamentary system, and acknowledged that party power should be won at the polls rather than imposed.

The party remained uneasy about what it called Soviet "new thinking", especially pressure from Moscow to abandon the armed struggle in favour of a negotiated settlement with Pretoria. Friction was evident from a series of disputatious exchanges between Mr Slovo and Mr Boris Asoyan, a senior Soviet Foreign Ministry official, in the pages of *Pravda*.

However, Mr Slovo has modified his position, judging by a discussion paper which he submitted to an ANC executive meeting in Lusaka last week.

● LUSAKA: The Harare Declaration, the document in which the ANC sets out its way to full democracy, has been formally handed to Pretoria, President Kaunda of Zambia said yesterday (Jan Raath writes).

Dr Kaunda said he had been advised this week by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, that the document had been presented to the South African Government shortly after Christmas. It is regarded as the key to the end of apartheid.

"This document is in the hands of the South African Government, and we are waiting to hear their response," Dr Kaunda said.

Letter from Buenos Aires

Spirit of Empire along the Plate

Tall, fair-haired and elegant in a double-breasted suit, Mr Eric Henderson looks the perfect Englishman as he sits in Clark's dining-room wistfully recalling the time he pranged his Austin Healey at the end of *a stay in London. That incident*, he remembers, came just before his stint in the Argentine Army.

Only the clipped vowels and pre-Second World War idioms betray Mr Henderson's origins and remind you that, for all the English panelling of the restaurant, the river down the road is not the wintry Thames but the Plate, a vast grey estuary burnished by the mid-summer sun.

Mr Henderson, the owner of a local advertising company, is an Anglo-Argentinian, scion of a community descended from the 100,000 British 19th-century settlers. Their loyalties were tested by the Falklands War and the deep wound to Argentina's national pride inflicted by the British victory. "It was a bit like having your mother and father fighting. You love them both and you are stuck in the middle. It was a big strain," Mr Henderson, whose grandfather came from Scotland in the 1820s, said.

Now, nearly eight years after the war, the country's scars are healing, helped by the enthusiasm of President Menem for mending fences with London and putting aside the dispute on sovereignty over the "Malvinas".

Like most of their Argentinian countrymen, the British descendants think that General Leopoldo Galtieri's invasion was folly, but few believe sovereignty will not ultimately be restored to Buenos Aires.

Trade restrictions have been lifted, and Britain has supported Argentine accords with the European Community. Last month the Union Flag was hoisted over a reborn British Consulate, replacing the interests section under the Swiss Embassy; Mr Alan Hunt, the British representative transformed into Consul-General, is trading his old armoured Ford Granada for a Foreign Office Jaguar.

The suitably named MV Churchill of the Blue Star Line has docked in Buenos Aires, and British Airways and Aerolineas Argentinas at the weekend flew to one another's *capitals, resuming services suspended in the war.* On Saturday night a large crowd of Argentinian well-wishers gathered at Azeiza airport outside Buenos Aires to watch the departure of the Argentine Boeing 747 on its inaugural flight, and the event was the main story in the local press and on television news bulletins.

In March, an MCC cricket team is to tour Argentina to renew sporting relations, but there are no plans to haul the tall statue of Lord Canning from the bottom of the Plate where it was deposited in an anti-British protest in 1984. Nor is anyone suggesting a new name for the Air Force Tower, a brick clock belfry donated by British residents in 1910 and known until 1982 as the English Tower.

For the "Anglo" community, both long-time Argentinians and recent expatriates, the *rapprochement* between London and Buenos Aires has removed residual strains and cleared the way for trade with Britain, a sphere in which many are already active thanks to the many old hands who, skilled in navigating the labyrinthine and corrupt bureaucracy here, managed years ago to circumvent the embargo by shipping through third countries.

In fact, after the initial shocks of the war had been absorbed, the unpleasantness in the South Atlantic produced more embarrassment than hardship for the British community. The rhetoric about British pirates and plunderers was rarely translated into personal animosity.

According to the old adage: the Argentinian is an Italian who speaks Spanish and thinks he is British. Some of it still applies.

Charles Bremner

WORLD ROUNDUP

Palestine activist freed from prison

Jerusalem — Mr Faisal Husseini, the prominent Palestinian intellectual and activist, was released yesterday from prison on bail after four days of interrogation (Richard Owen writes). He immediately vowed to continue the fight to "establish a Palestinian state alongside Israel, not in place of Israel".

Israeli officials said Mr Husseini would "continue to be investigated" but it was no longer necessary to detain him. Officials said several Palestinian activists had been brought in for questioning after Mr Husseini had been interrogated by Shin Bet, the Israeli internal security service, but Mr Husseini said he did not know to what this referred.

Israeli reprisal fear

Beirut — Palestinian fighters in southern Lebanon yesterday evacuated most of their positions in anticipation of big Israeli retaliatory raids, following a guerrilla attack in which an Israeli colonel was killed (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes). Reports from southern Lebanon said that Colonel Yitzhak Rahimov died in a hail of gunfire and grenade blasts on Sunday when his patrol was ambushed near the village of Yaroun. The extremist Fatah Revolutionary Council of Abu Nidal, the Palestinian guerrilla chief, said it was responsible

Delhi accuses Bofors

Delhi — The Indian Government, taking its first decisive step to expose the 1985 Bofors arms scandal, yesterday levelled a string of accusations against 14 senior executives of the Swedish arms company, including Mr Martin Ardbo, the former president (Our Own Correspondent writes). All the executives were named in a first report submitted by the police to a special court here. "Certain public servants" were also accused of abusing their positions for financial gain, but were not named. The allegations include criminal conspiracy, cheating, criminal breach of trust and forgery.

UK satellite launch

Kourou, French Guiana (Reuter) — A French observation satellite and six microsatellites, including two from the University of Surrey, separated successfully from the Western European Ariane40 rocket early yesterday after a fiery night lift-off. Dr Martin Sweeting, of the university, said: "This is a new opportunity for small payloads to be launched quickly and economically." The principal payload of the mission, the Spot2 observation satellite, separated from the rocket about 17 minutes after the launch late on Sunday evening from the Guiana Space Centre here.

Desert hunters saved

Perth (AFP) — Police in helicopters yesterday rescued three men missing for three days in remote desert in northern Western Australia, near where eight Aborigines died of exposure last week. Police said the three men had not been seen since Friday, when they left a camp near Halls Creek, on the southern edge of the Kimberley Plateau, to go emu hunting. Their abandoned vehicle was spotted from the air early yesterday.

Sihanouk's heartland

Malaria rife amid uneasy peace

From James Pringle, Thmar Puok, Cambodia

Men harnessed to ox-carts heave and strain as they pull their loads along dusty tracks in the blazing sun. Hungry Cambodian village women wearing Thai-made T-shirts with fake Cardin or Gucci logos carry off loads of donated rice to their wretched villages. Many children are burning with fever.

Visiting "liberated" Cambodia is like returning to the fourteenth century, or earlier. Cambodians are now less well-clad or nourished than the Khmer depicted on the ancient stone friezes at Angkor, the thirteenth-century temple complex, and their straw and palm-leaf homes less substantial. Malaria is endemic.

Despite the hardships, for the first time in more than 20 years there is a faint whiff of the real Cambodia again after two decades of war and communist regimes — the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge and the current incumbents in power in Phnom Penh, the Vietnam-installed Government of Mr Hun Sen.

In this town, the "capital" of Prince Sihanouk's military forces in the "liberated" area, there is just a suggestion of the scatty charm that once beguiled visitors and a re-assertion of traditional values.

Women may be wearing cheap Thai sarongs instead of the elegant ankle-length sampots they once dressed in, but their carriage and grace are *intact. It may be a luxury in a* country which looks more impoverished than the poorest African land, but men are flocking to the pagodas to become Buddhist monks instead of going for ideological training at a communist school.

Cambodia was last like this before it got caught up in the war in neighbouring Vietnam. After the hell of the Khmer Rouge and the killing fields, and 11 years of a Vietnam-backed Marxist regime that forced people to work on border defence positions where many are said to have died of malaria, there are stirrings of life in the corpse that Cambodia had become.

Older Cambodians say they can hardly believe it when they see the old blue, red and white flag of the Kingdom of Cambodia flying again, hear the old popular songs and are not forced to use the jargon of the previous regimes.

"I used to dream it might be like this again," said one middle-aged Cambodian woman in the market place of Thmar Puok, a district town of 8,000 people. "I didn't think I would ever see it." Despite the fact that the war is not far away, there is an absence of tension.

Pictures of Prince Sihanouk appear in every home, together with that of his son, Prince Ranariddh, the military commander and possible heir apparent, and every Sihanoukist soldier wears a picture of the Prince on a badge.

Old habits die hard, however. A "spontaneous" demonstration of 2,000 people was staged for the benefit of visiting correspondents. There were calls for food aid and support for Sihanouk's peace plan at a time when world powers have finally begun to accept a United Nations-brokered solution, although the Khmer factions have yet to agree to the formula.

While Sihanouk may have his faults, he is not regarded as an ogre because older people remember what life was like before his overthrow in 1970. "It was good then," a woman said. "Under the Khmer Rouge, there was starvation and forced labour, under Hun Sen, conscription to build border defences and we were not free to sell our rice on the open market."

Sihanouk's allies in the non-communist resistance, the Khmer Peoples National Liberation Front (KPNLF) said privately that the Sihanoukist army has not pulled its weight since the withdrawal of the Vietnamese last September, and there is talk of factionalism among Sihanoukist officers who bristle at suggestions that the Khmer Rouge, Sihanouk's uneasy coalition partner, is doing most of the fighting. Certainly, the Sihanoukist forces have failed to take all their targets. The KPNLF has done better.

More fighting is expected. General Krouch Yoeum, the military governor of the Sihanoukist enclave, said that the "resistance" — the Khmer Rouge, the KPNLF and the Sihanoukists — would launch an attack soon on Sisophon, a key provincial capital in the south. He added that the Khmer Rouge would launch a full-scale offensive on Battambang, Cambodia's second city, in late February.

Pressure grows for Jackson to replace fallen Barry

From Peter Stothard
US Editor, Washington

The Rev Jesse Jackson came under intense pressure yesterday to run for election as the Mayor of Washington in place of the disgraced Mayor Marion Barry.

Prominent business supporters of the Barry administration, whose leader faces a charge of cocaine possession after a controversial police "sting", are manoeuvring for a Jackson candidacy as the smoothest way to maintain their influence over the US capital

Potential campaign financers, including local telephone company and television chiefs, have made common cause with senior administration officials who fear that they would be ousted if a more moderate and reformist candidate were to win the November election.

Mr Jackson, who moved his home to Washington from Chicago last year, has so far refused comment. He is known to be equivocal about the mayor's job, which would curtail his time for political campaigning on both the national and international stages.

But, if all sections of the black movement in Washington wanted him to stand, his national standing could suffer if he refused. His present silence is explained by his spokesman as due to laryngitis and influenza.

Mayor Barry himself appears to be ruling out a rapid resignation. He has promised supporters to take time "to heal my body, mind and soul" and is expected to undergo treatment for alcohol and drug addiction.

His continued tenure in office is his only bargaining chip against his prosecutors. Delay also helps the draft-Jackson campaign since, if Mr Barry were to resign, he would be succeeded by the white DC Council leader, Mr David Clarke, who would thereby have all the advantages of an incumbent in the Democratic Primary in September. Meanwhile, the late-night chat show host and humourist, David Letterman, was not slow to focus on the downfall of Washington's Mayor with a batch of Barry jokes.

"You can say what you like about Marion Barry, but gram for gram you're not going to find a better mayor," he said recently on his *Late Night with David Letterman*.

He suggested the following excuses Mr Barry might have *given the police when he was* arrested: used drugs to escape the daily nightmare of having *first* name "Marion"; as Mayor, has duty to greet visiting foreign dignitaries — like Colombians; President Bush asked him to buy the drug so he could hold it up during his next TV speech; his addiction started as a craving for those little mints they leave on your pillow — and then just got out of hand; he was doing what he could to keep drugs out of the hands of young people.

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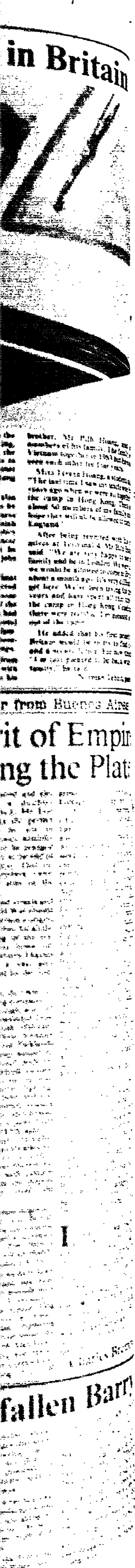

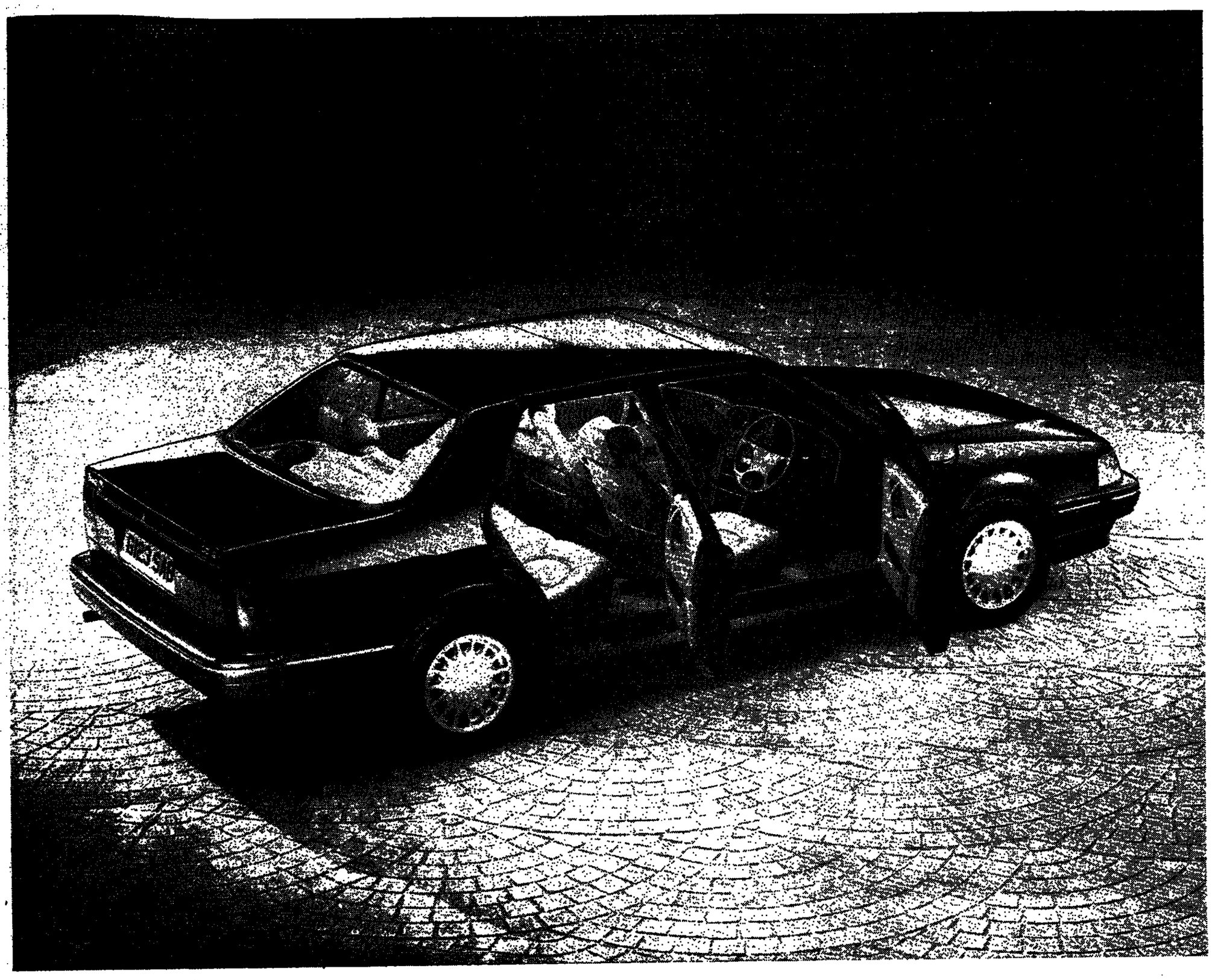

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THE CHANGING FACE OF COMMUNISM

Yugoslav communists clear way for multi-party system

From Dessa Trevisan and John Holland, Belgrade

Delegates to the Yugoslav extraordinary communist party congress yesterday voted to give up the party's monopoly on power, opening the way for parliamentary legislation to usher in a multi-party political system.

The historic vote is expected to put an end to 45 years of constitutionally guaranteed domination by the League of Communists.

But the congress overwhelmingly rejected a toughly debated proposal to give greater autonomy to communist parties in its six republics, a vote which is likely to be challenged by the more liberal maverick republics of Slovenia and Croatia.

Despite formally relinquishing their monopoly on power, only a fifth of the delegates voted for a proposal to abolish torture and an end to political show trials.

That proposal was aimed at easing the explosive human rights situation in the troubled autonomous province of Kosovo, where last year thousands of ethnic Albanians were detained and questioned.

Since then, evidence has emerged that the police have been using torture against Albanian detainees.

Human rights organizations have compiled reports embarrassing to the Yugoslav authorities.

Supporting the proposal last night, Professor Ljubo Bavcon, a prominent Slovene professor of criminal law in Ljubljana, said it was necessary to prevent torture and humiliating treatment practised by the police.

"The essence of every regime is being judged by the criminal laws, and political trials are one of them," Professor Bavcon said.

He called for the abolition of all legislation which stifled human rights.

Advocating peaceful solutions, he demanded an end to the "repressive system so that the transformation of Yugoslavia would proceed along the Czechoslovak and not the Romanian path."

Only 169 of 1,659 delegates to the extraordinary party congress voted in favour of the Slovene proposal on autonomy. Instead, the congress voted for a watered-down version, pledging a "quick transformation into a modern, unified, democratic party with a new socialist programme", which has yet to be worked out.

A compromise by Mr Ivica Racan, the Croatian party leader, that there should not be a vote on any amendments but a simple endorsement of the party's declaration of reform, was also rejected by the congress.

The vote was seen as a clear victory for the Serbian-led faction which wants central control of the party from Belgrade to continue.

But it is expected to precipitate a showdown between hardline and liberal party forces after the Slovene party convenes early next month, at which they are expected to reject the congress vote and follow their own course.

The plenary session had opened with party leaders unable to calm acrimony, with delegates heading for a formal split into conservative and reform socialist sections.

When the plenary session opened, to an already hostile mood, Mr Desimir Medovic, the president of the Bosnian party youth organization, renewed his calls for the split, and charged that the party had not had to face free elections.

"The new commmunist party will be joined by those who are hardliners, but the new party ... will be joined by those who believe in modern socialist ideas where members are not disciplined by force," he said.

He stressed: "There is no such thing as party unity but only a rotten compromise. The League of Communists is headed towards suicide and dragging Yugoslavia towards it."

His remarks were met with applause by the Slovene delegation, mixed with some calls that he leave the podium.

Mr Nijaz Durakovic, the head of the Bosnian communist party, went on the defensive. He told the conference: "If they (the Slovenes) want to form a new party, it would be more honest to leave this party."

Earlier, a Serbian-led majority of the 1,649 delegates from the country's six republics, rejected a motion that the League of Communists seek closer ties with, and eventual full membership of, the European Community.

Rock and politics share the stage

Meeting of minds: Frank Zappa, left, the American rock star, deep in conversation with President Havel of Czechoslovakia. They met yesterday in Prague where they discussed plans for a film about Czechoslovakia for a US television group. Zappa, aged 49, also expressed a willingness to help the country financially, according to the Czechoslovak news agency, CTK.

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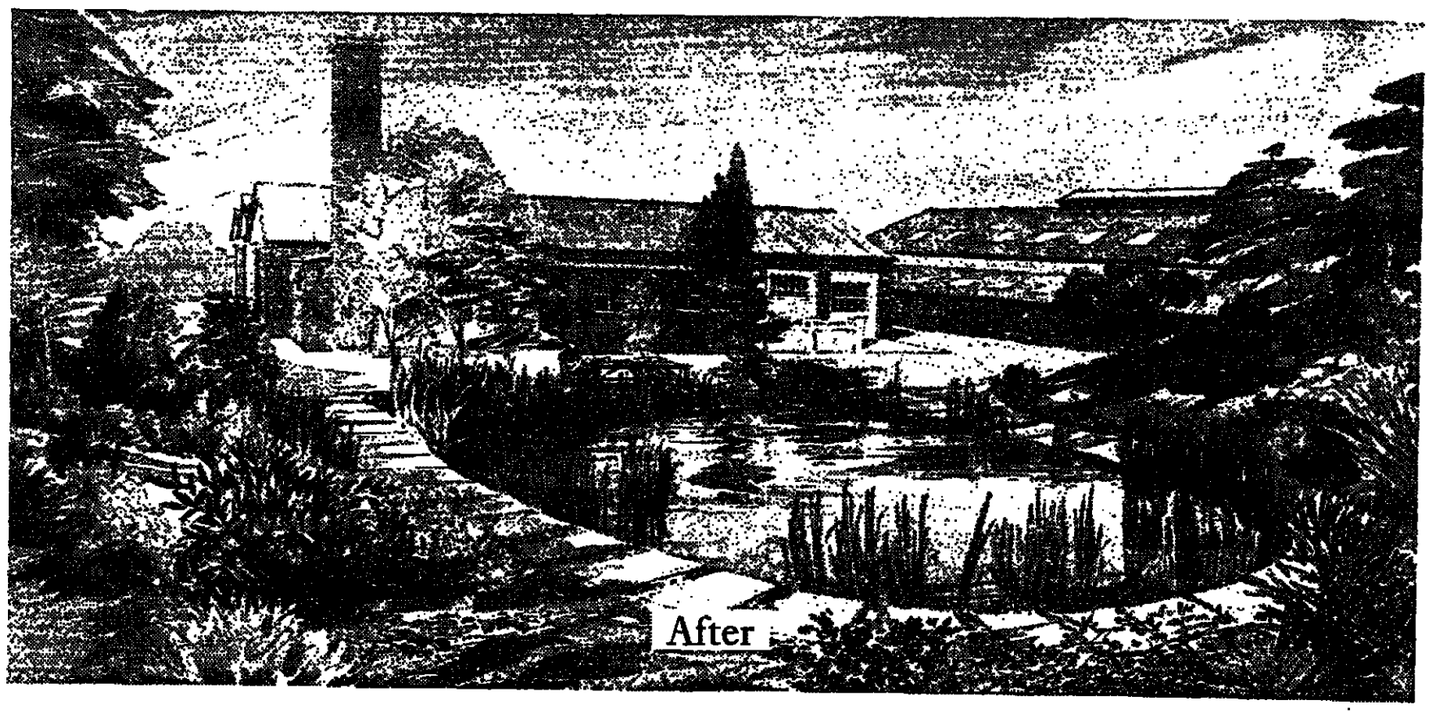

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Modrow offers Cabinet posts to opposition

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

With the East German communist party collapsing around him, Herr Hans Modrow, the Prime Minister, yesterday attempted to save his crumbling coalition by offering opposition groups ministerial posts in his Government.

Herr Modrow asked the participants of the round table talks to nominate candidates for Cabinet posts in the next few days and is anxious to reform the coalition by the beginning of next week. He told participants: "I need your advice, and support of all parties not just one."

The offer came after Herr Modrow had announced the resignation of Frau Uta Nickel, his Finance Minister, who is being investigated on embezzlement charges. She is accused of making illegal payments from state funds while holding a treasurer's post in Leipzig under the previous administration.

Herr Modrow suffered a further blow on Sunday when his main ally on the reformist wing of the party, Herr Wolfgang Berghofer, quit the party together with 39 other leading functionaries saying that it was "unreformable".

Many opposition group speakers said yesterday that they believed the communist-dominated coalition to be untenable with the party falling apart.

Herr Modrow stressed that he was not acting as a member of the communist party but in an attempt to ensure stable government until the May elections.

The offer of Cabinet posts appears to be Herr Modrow's last chance to hold the coalition together by broadening it to include opposition ministers. East Germany's reform groups have resisted such overtures, saying that they would not participate in a Cabinet dominated by old communist party members which had no mandate from the people.

Yesterday's offer was more keenly received, however, with Herr Ibrahim Böhme, of the Social Democrats, saying that his party would be prepared to support "grand coalition" as long as it included all political forces.

The round table also heard apologies from Herr Egon Krenz, the former leader, and Herr Wolfgang Herger, who were both responsible for security questions in Herr Erich Honecker's Politburo. "We apologize to all those citizens who suffered under the erroneous security policies of the past," said Herr Krenz who was stripped of his party membership on Sunday.

He told the participants that the Stasi had acted "like a state within a state" governed by the then leader, Herr Honecker, and Herr Erich Mielke, his Minister for State Security. Decisions about the use of force during the violent suppression of demonstrations last October had not been subject to vote or discussion in the Politburo or the Central Committee, he said.

Herr Krenz, who presided over the falsified May elections which led to widespread discontent, admitted that the country's previous electoral process had been undemocratic. "Over the last few weeks I have realized that we had neither free nor fair elections for 40 years."

● **Putsch denied:** Herr Theodor Hoffmann, the East German Defence Minister, yesterday dismissed a report in the West German *Bild Zeitung* that troops and security forces were preparing for a possible coup in East Germany.

Soviet briefing for Waldegrave

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is to be given a high-level insight in Moscow today into how the Soviet Union views the crisis in Azerbaijan when he meets Mr Viktor Karpov, a Soviet Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr Valentin Falin, the head of the Central Committee's international department.

Although the Soviet Union's internal affairs are not officially the subject of Mr Waldegrave's visit, in the present mood in Moscow, Soviet officials need no second bidding to air their views on the various crises besetting the Government, a Foreign Office source said.

Mr Waldegrave, who is making his first visit to the Soviet Union, flew to Moscow on Sunday evening to begin a much-delayed, and in theory, fairly routine bilateral meeting. However, its significance has been heightened by the dramatic events that continue to unfold in the Soviet Union.

Mr Waldegrave was given a guided tour of the Kremlin yesterday morning, and had talks with Mr Yuli Vorontsov, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, with particular responsibility for the Middle East, South Asia and Afghanistan. He meets Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, tomorrow before flying on to Kiev. In the afternoon he met Mr Anatoly Adamishin, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs with responsibility for bilateral affairs, and then had discussions with trainee Soviet diplomats at the Moscow Diplomatic Academy.

This was followed by a dinner at the British Ambassador's residence attended by a more informal group including Jewish refusniks, religious activists and intellectuals.

His primary business in the Ukrainian capital will be to discuss arrangements for the "Britain in Kiev" festival, which is to be staged in June and opened by the Princess Royal.

However, in addition to meeting Ukrainian government and party officials, he will have dinner with officials of Rukh, the popular movement which at the weekend organized a human chain.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF COMMUNISM

Old loyalties reawaken as the flags fly again

from Michael Binyon
Moscow

One by one, the symbols of communism are vanishing. Latvia has just voted to bring back its pre-Soviet flag, anthem and state symbols, joining Lithuania and Estonia, which now fly the flags that symbolized their independent states.

But not only in the Baltic states are old loyalties reawakening. Russia too is returning to its past. People in Moscow openly wear lapel badges with tsarist colours and the double-headed eagle. Old street names are coming back.

A campaign has been launched to give Leningrad its original name of St Petersburg. There even exists a royalist society dedicated to the restoration of the Romanov dynasty, though it numbers no more than a few score members.

Moscow has scrapped virtually all the slogans that promised a golden communist future. The poet Mayakovsky still stands in the square outside the Tchaikovsky Hall, but no longer does the exhortation beam down from the roofs opposite: "Let us turn Moscow into a model communist city!"

The generating station along the river no longer sports Lenin's famous dictum: "*Communism equals Soviet power plus* the electrification of the whole country." The second has long been achieved; the first no longer seems so compelling a goal. A more modest hammer and sickle *is a reminder, however, that Soviet* power has not yet gone with the wind.

Lenin, coat over his shoulder, no longer strides out purposefully from the façades of buildings where drivers would gaze at his confident countenance as they waited for the lights to change.

But his statues remain, as does the magnificent, craggy Marx head emerging from a slab of granite outside the Bolshoi Theatre. To remove those would indeed be turning the country's back on 70 years of history.

But while Lenin's soul goes marching on, the body, mouldering in the mausoleum (recently closed for lengthy and mysterious repairs) may not lie in state forever. Two years ago, a well-known *theatre director suggested it was time the* founder of the Soviet state was laid to rest in the earth like other mortals. There was a shocked response. Today the idea is no longer so sacrilegious.

In one way the disappearance of the slogans makes Moscow a duller place. It gave the city an exotic feeling to gaze out of your window each day and see "Glory to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union". Some were useful markers: to get to the Anglo-American school, you knew you had to turn right soon after the "Atoms for peace" sign.

Now, in changing times, not only have some slogans sprouted up in English, but they are frankly capitalist in their orientation. "Soviet advertising abroad, foreign advertising in the USSR," says one, whose purpose seems somewhat clouded.

Driving down Gorky Street is spoilt by a huge flashing neon Pepsi-Cola sign and *Christian Dior advertising his wares as* you glimpse the mysterious beauty of Red Square. It is not what tourists want to see — and Russians certainly would prefer something more tangible like "*Shop here for food*".

In 10 days' time, they will be luckier: after working for 5,000 days and generating more publicity than any other venture, McDonald's is about to open its doors to its largest restaurant in the world.

Serving 15,000 people a day, with 700 seats inside and 200 outside, it will symbolize the arrival of the Western way of life even in the Soviet Union. One Russian muttered glumly, looking at the famous golden arches already erected over the still shrouded shop front, that it will produce more plastic litter in Pushkin Square than Moscow has ever known before.

Little by little, things taken for granted in the West are becoming commonplace here. Joint ventures and co-operatives mean there is at last a choice of places to eat — at a price. Marlboro cigarettes seem to be the Russians' favourite smoke. Western firms' calendars adorn every Soviet office. All the kitsch of richer consumer societies has arrived, although little of the substance. The magnificent old tsarist hotel, named by Stalin the Berlin in solidarity with the fraternal German Democratic Republic, has reverted to being the Savoy. Gracefully redecorated in former elegance, it offers good food and good service — but, maddeningly, not for roubles and therefore not for Russians: a tantalizing symbol of the unobtainable good life in the West.

And meanwhile, the communist monolith is being steadily chipped away, politically, symbolically, economically becoming as pockmarked as the Berlin Wall. *Russians are now filling their lives* with older verities — the Church, Russian patriotism and Russian art and decoration. Other national groups draw away scornfully from the creation of new Soviet man to their own religions and foods, local heroes and national antagonisms.

The flood of Western influence rolls in, raising expectations, increasing frustration. Some 230,000 emigrated last year in search of a better life abroad. For the rest, they know only that what they have now is the legacy of a socialist past that few cherish. Changing the flags is only the first step.

Azerbaijani mass protest at ministry in Moscow

Moscow (Reuter) — Thousands of Azerbaijanis waving black flags and chanting "Shame, Shame!" marched to the Defence Ministry in Moscow yesterday to express anger over scores of people killed when Soviet troops stormed through the capital, Baku.

Carrying banners proclaiming "*Perestroika*, not Gunfire," and "Gorbachov assassin!" the protesters shouted down General Nikolai Smirnov, the commander of Moscow's military garrison, when he tried to address the crowd. The demonstration was peaceful and the police presence small.

Moscow's sizeable Armenian community, which has held frequent demonstrations since clashes began between the two nationalities in the Soviet south, stayed at home.

The crowd of some 3,000 people was prevented from entering the Defence Ministry by over a dozen yellow buses barring the way. When General Smirnov appeared, he was immediately surrounded by Azeris shouting their anger at the Army, which smashed nationalists' barricades on its way into Baku on Saturday. More than 80 people died in the action.

General Smirnov listened patiently but was unable to convince anyone that the army action was necessary and after an hour of arguing, he gave up and left the scene.

"If I thought the Army had participated in actions against the people, I would apologise," Smirnov said. "Listen to him, he doesn't believe us," shouted people in the crowd. "If someone ordered you to shoot me would you do it?" demanded one Azeri, Mr Damir Tokel. "Yes," was the response from the general. "He would shoot! Shame!" was the response.

"But I have never received an order directed against my own people," General Smirnov added hastily as the throng swelled with passengers from a nearby metro station. Traffic backed up and impatient Muscovites hooted car horns and swore at demonstrators as the argument continued.

Mr Ashraf Veliyev, a veteran of the Soviet action in Afghanistan, thrust his military ID card at the general and declared, "The action in Azerbaijan is a second Afghanistan. They were peaceful people there and we Azeris are peaceful people too."

The march from the Azeri mission in Moscow, organized by the Azeri Popular Front, was not authorized, but was allowed to proceed after more than 1,000 people gathered there at mid-afternoon. By the time the group reached the Defence Ministry, it had tripled in size.

Earlier, Azerbaijanis at the mission denounced President Gorbachev saying there had been countless deaths in the army operation at the weekend.

"Gorbachov said he was *building a bright future. Can it* be built on the blood and corpses of our people?" asked Mr Assim Mamedov Asad-Zade, who said he was a deputy on the local council in Azerbaijan's second city, Gyandzha, which was formerly Kirovabad.

Mr Gorbachov, who signed the Kremlin decree imposing a state of emergency in Baku, said in a television address at the weekend that Moscow had no choice in the face of an attempt by the Popular Front to seize power by force.

Iran breathes more easily as troops seal border

By Hazhir Teimourian

The re-appearance of Soviet troops along the Azerbaijan-Iran borders yesterday must have produced a deep sense of relief in Tehran, although the leaders of the Islamic republic made brave attempts to give the opposite impression.

The prospect of the border remaining indefinitely open to the seven million socially-*liberated Soviet Azeris and* their more numerous, repressed compatriots in Iranian Azerbaijan had alarmed many of Iran's leaders. With a 10-year guerrilla war still continuing in the Kurdistan mountains in the west, Tehran is extremely nervous about the spread of nationalistic fervour to any of its national minorities.

The daily incursions of thousands of Soviet Azeris into Iran over the past two weeks created great excitement among Iran's own Azeris, estimated at a minimum of 14 million. Family reunions and new friendships have been made across the frozen waters of the river Araks for the first time since the Second World War. Newspapers and television news bulletins have claimed that the northerners' primary aim was "to return to the Islamic home" — a slogan more to be expected of clerical rulers in Iran.

The question for Tehran was how to give the appearance of sharing the happiness of Azerbaijanis at home and abroad without impeding the progress of Soviet leaders towards re-establishing control over the rebels.

"Iran wanted firm action by Gorbachov, provided that it was kept out of the gaze of *reporters*", said one Iranian observer yesterday.

The firm action, when it came, was accompanied by inadequate control over the media. Although Soviet troops ringed Baku's broadcasting station, they were not ordered to enter its studios. Radio and television, clearly audible to millions of Iranian Azeris across the border, continued to call on the populace to show their opposition to the intervention and broadcast inflamatory claims of widespread brutality by "Russians".

Iran's Cabinet, headed by the cautious President Rafsanjani, told Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Foreign Minister, on Sunday to take "serious steps" to persuade the Soviet Union to stop the bloodshed immediately and to "grant the legitimate demands of the Muslim people" of Soviet Azerbaijan.

Mr Mehdi Karrubi, the Parliamentary Speaker, complained of Soviet "double standards", pointing out that Mr Gorbachov had personally gone to Lithuania recently to talk the people out of their demands for independence while at the same time sending in his tanks to crush the Muslims of Azerbaijan.

He was careful not to refer either to the national aspirations of Soviet Azerbaijanis or to their pogroms against Armenians in Baku which made the situation in Azerbaijan different from the conditons prevailing in the Baltic republic.

A major problem for Mr Rafsanjani will be how to extend control over radical critics who believe that Iran has a religious duty to send arms to militants in Soviet Azerbaijan, even if the action puts important commercial relations with Moscow at risk. The radicals have many bands of "revolutionary guards" under their control in Iranian Azerbaijan and could easily subvert Tehran's pro-Soviet foreign policy.

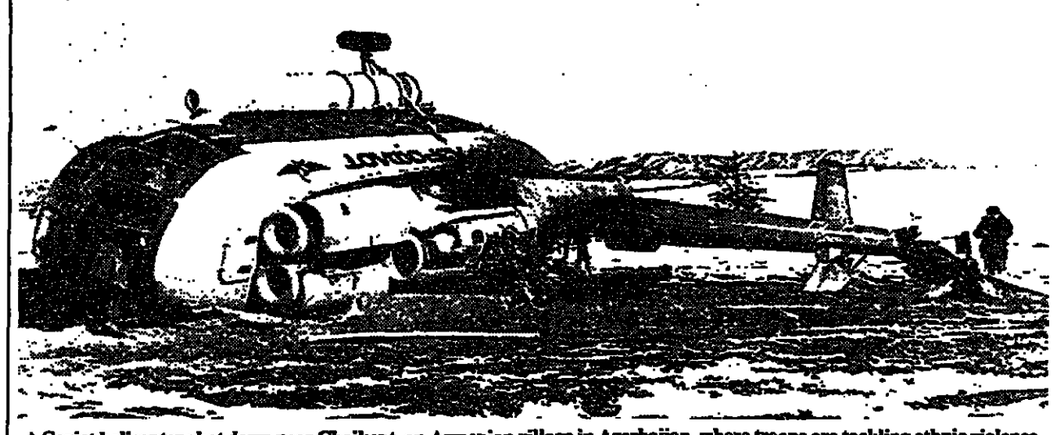
● ANKARA: Turkey has told the Soviet Union it is ready to send medical aid to Azerbaijan (Reuter reports).

A senior Foreign Minsitry official said yesterday: "The offer concerns solely medical aid. No other form of aid has been considered." The offer was was made to the Soviet Ambassador in Ankara on Sunday. So far no reply has been received.

The Azerbaijani autonomous region of Nakhichevan, squeezed between eastern Turkey and the Soviet republic of Armenia, declared "full independence" on Saturday and appealed for help from Turkey and Iran.

The official dismissed Turkish press reports that many Azerbaijanis in Nakhichevan were fleeing from Armenian attacks towards the Turkish border as well as the frontier with Iran. "We only have a 8-mile border with Nakhichevan and that is heavily guarded by troops," he said.

Armenian volunteers patrolling along the border with Nakhichevan, the Azerbaijani enclave wedged between Armenia and Iran, as clashes continue.



A Soviet helicopter shot down near Chaikent, an Armenian village in Azerbaijan, where troops are tackling ethnic violence.

Romanian public bewildered by political moves

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

Professor Silviu Brucan, the *éminence grise* behind Romania's ruling National Salvation Front was asked by an earnest woman from American television how the people could trust a Government which changed its mind every day. "Every day is an exaggeration," he replied with a grin. "We only change our minds every week."

The reply was typical of the blend of disarming honesty and hopless naivety which passes for politics in a country which recently marked the first month since the revolution which overthrew a dictator who was devoted to preventing any democratic opinion.

The constant changes in direction and lack of information about the processes of government (the annulment of the two referendums on the death penalty and the abolition of the Communist Party were read on television by the same announcer who for years read out Ceausescu's decrees) have left the public bewildered.

In the first month of freedom, 13 political parties have emerged and the Front has decided that when elections, still scheduled for April, are held, anyone who can secure the support of 21 electors can put their name on the lists.

Some of the groups, such as the National Peasants Party, one of the most important from the pre-Communist era, have already knocked into shape something resembling workable organizations. Others have done little more than type up a programme and put it on the wall in the Metro, where crowds gather at all hours for heated, if confused, debate.

The Peasants Party is led by Mr Corneliu Coposu, a former lawyer who has the disconcerting habit of pulling out two photographs, one of himself as a strapping young man weighing more than 17 stone and the other as an emaciated 49-year-old whose weight had *dropped to eight stone after* 17 years in jail.

Like the National Liberal Party, one of three historic parties revived to fight an *election which Mr Coposo* is convinced will be postponed, the party is not opposed to the return of King Michael from Switzerland to take up a position similar to that of King Juan Carlos of Spain.

Two of the exiled King's five daughters arrived last week in the wake of Prince Paul, the arts dealer with a British passport who represents a rival wing of the Hohenzollern family.

The almost daily increase in the number of parties is worrying many ordinary citizens unable to cope with discovering what exactly they stand for. It reminds old hands of the chaotic years of the 1930s when between 50 and 100 different parties and temporary groupings competed for the favour of a disillusioned public.

As we stood in the freezing rain which had at least dampened the demonstrating ardour of ordinary Romanians infuriated at being deprived of the chance of voting to bring back the firing squad, one engineering apprentice explained his concern about the number of parties.

"The trouble is I know nothing about them, the only political figures I know are those in the Front," he said. "Personally, I would like to vote for our Prime Minister, Petre Roman."

Mr Roman, who has already *won the hearts of* women voters, announced a week ago he would not stand.

Foreign visitors who have been *impressed with his approach*, hope that like everything else in Romanian politics, that pledge will soon be reversed.

The decision to deny the public the two referendums was seen in diplomatic circles as a daring gamble designed both to impose the Front's authority and to impress Western opinion.

Professor Brucan, a former ambassador to the US, announced the reversal to foreign newsmen, but was not willing to appear on television. His aides admit that the next few days will be crucial to test whether the Front can ride out the expected backlash.

One factor working in its favour is the view of many of the new parties, whose leaders *were dismayed with the January* 12 demonstration at which nervous and exhausted Front leaders caved in to the chants *of an unrepresentative and* often drunken crowd.

Members of the Front have hinted the Army will be used to break up any future illegal *demonstrations of that type.*

Mr William Waldegrave, Britain's Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said during his visit that he found strong *disagreements about whether* Romania had any real tradition of democracy to fall back on.

Students of the volatile *periods which followed* political reforms introduced after the First World War describe it as a time of characteristically Romanian democracy, *marked* by an uneducated electorate, quarrelsome politicians and a succession of monarchs unable to resist tinkering with the political *process. Early signs are that* a similar period of political instability now lies ahead.

Pupils demonstrate for end to Ceausescu curriculum

Bucharest (AP) — *More than* 3,000 high-school students demonstrated yesterday for a broader education relevant to the world outside the narrow curriculum *enforced by the* Ceausescu regime.

The demonstration was also aimed at the abolition of the special exams at the end of the second year of high school which students must pass in their main field of study, or face expulsion.

"If Elena Ceausescu can fall down, our exam *must fall* down, too," the students chanted as they marched from the Ministry of Education to the provisional government headquarters. Student leaders said they had given the Provisional Government one month from December 22, when the Ceausescus were *forced to flee the city*, to do away with the special exam.

"Until now, they have told us nothing. That's why we're here," said Rodica Guja, aged 16. "We want to study the real history because the history they taught us before was a wrong history. We want to obtain culture and we want *more subjects*. We want to study the history of art, science, foreign languages."

There was a sense of exhilaration as the students wound their way along the icy streets of old Bucharest behind a Romanian flag with the communist emblem torn out.

The students from about 15 schools walked out of classes at mid-morning yesterday.

Romania has specialized high schools in industrial fields and academic subjects such, as mathematics and physics, languages and history, chemistry and biology.

Rosu Costin, aged 16, who is studying maths and physics, said the exams were so difficult that students needed private tutoring to pass.

"This isn't fair because poor students don't have money to pay teachers at home," he said, adding that the 40,000 lei (£2,700) needed for a year of tutoring was enough to buy a small car.

Bogdan Popescu, aged 16, an engineering student, said he was demonstrating because the exam meant students learned only two subjects and did not have "a general culture."

Ozana Ninosu, aged 16, studying at the German High School, complained: "I don't learn anything in school, just a little German."

All the students complained that they had to wear gloves and coats in their classrooms because the schools were so cold.

At the former Foreign Ministry building, now the headquarters of the National Salvation Front provisional government, a delegation of students was chosen to meet the Education Minister, Mr Mihai Sora.

Mr Zosim Basir, a Front official, told the students that Romania's economic plight had top priority.

"The young people are in revolution," he said, "and in a revolutionary situation, everything comes mixed up."

● **Firing squad:** Romanian soldiers were so keen to execute Ceausescu that all 80 on firing squad duty started shooting after their officer asked only five to step forward, Professor Silviu Brucan, one of the Front leaders, told *Le Figaro* (Reuter reports).

He was also quoted by the French daily as saying that the bodies of Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, executed at the same time, were found to have 120 bullet wounds.

"The officer in charge of the firing squad asked five soldiers to step forward and prepare to shoot. The squad was made up of 80 men. They all fired at the same time," Professor Brucan said.

Bonn to tackle pollution in East Germany

From Ian Murray, Bonn

Herr Klaus Töpfer, the Environment Minister in West Germany, has ended a three-day visit to polluted areas of East Germany with a promise to rush ahead with projects to start cleaning up one of Europe's dirtiest countries.

The first co-operation treaty between the Germanies, which was agreed last summer, was on six ecological pilot schemes. Herr Töpfer is the first specialist minister to make such an on-the-spot inspection.

East Germany is, per capita, the third-heaviest user of electricity in the world. The generation of power, largely with brown coal furnaces, means that the air is always heavy with soot. West Berlin is meant to be a smokeless zone, but the yellow smog from the power stations was never restrained by the Wall.

Not only the cities suffer. The latest survey of West Germany's much-loved but devastated forests, shows that the Black Forest is no longer the most polluted area. It is the woods in the border lands which are dying quickest, because of the sulphur dioxide from the brown coal chimneys and, so far, there has been no way to help them.

Herr Töpfer's main concern during his visit, however, was over the safety of East Germany's nuclear power stations. One of them is not much more than a mile from the West German border at Helmstedt.

Of Russian design and in service for more than a decade, it does not match up to West German safety standards.

Herr Töpfer was accompanied by nuclear experts on his visit. East Germany has promised that it will not buy or install any more nuclear reactors unless they meet West German standards.

***Herr Töpfer had pledged* DM 1 billion (£360 million) to help clean up East Germany even before he arrived. This is a fraction of the estimated DM 200 billion needed to replace all the brown coal furnaces, renovate the sewage works and ensure clean water.**

West German companies *will be encouraged to undertake* joint ventures to speed and finance the work, but at best it will take a decade.

West Germany exports millions of tonnes of rubbish and waste over the border for disposal, and East Germany has been prepared to do this for a price. Last year, 6,580,751 tonnes were sent over the border, of which 4,940,000 came from West Berlin. Of the total amount, 700,000 tonnes was classified as poisonous waste.

East Germany has made a good deal of money from acting as West Germany's "dustbin", while West German transport firms can earn anything up to DM 600 a tonne for carrying toxic waste across the border.

North Rhine-Westphalia, West Germany's most industrialized area, announced this week that it would no longer send rubbish East.

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PARLIAMENT

Bill to protect rights of pension-holders

The Government's plans in the Social Security Bill to give greater protection to members of occupational pension schemes were outlined by Mr Tony Newton, Secretary of State for Social Security.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on social security, said that the Bill would do little to stop employees being cheated of their pension rights. Labour would require occupational pension schemes to be inflation-proof.

Mr Newton, moving second reading, said that the two main themes of the Bill were changes to disability benefits and greater protection for those with occupational pensions. Also, there would be powers to introduce a new grants scheme towards the cost of insulation measures in low-income households.

So far this year alone, £8 billion had been spent on the long-term sick and disabled. This spending had doubled since 1979, mainly because of a large increase in the number of beneficiaries.

The Bill would abolish the six-month qualifying period for attendance allowance for the terminally ill, introduce the age-related addition to the severe-disablement allowance and end further entitlement to earnings-related additional pension. A later Bill would introduce two new benefits, a new disability allowance and a new disability employment credit. Detailed work had still to be done on these changes.

The payment of attendance allowance to the terminally ill would be worth £37.55 a week from next April. Extra payments to invalid care allowance, income support and housing benefit would increase the cost to £35 million a year.

Age-related addition to severe disablement allowance would be a non-contributory benefit for the long-term sick who had not paid sufficient National Insurance contributions to claim invalidity benefit. This would give those under 40 who were incapable of work an extra £10 a week from December. There would be a lower addition for those disabled later in life. The net additional cost would be £16 million in 1990-91 and £50 million a year after that.

Reduced-earnings allowance was paid at present to those who had lost income because of industrial injury. Most claimants received invalidity benefit instead because they were not working. This duplication would be removed by ending new entitlements to reduced-earnings allowance from the autumn. Existing beneficiaries would not be affected by the change. This would reduce expenditure by £1 million in 1990-91, £15 million in 1991-92 and £40 million in 1992-93.

In the debate, *Mr Meacher*, setting out his party's proposals for occupational pensions, said that when Labour came to power it would ensure a proper level of protection for early leavers and would require pension rights to be uprated each year by the full rate of inflation. To require anything less would be to cheat employees of a significant part of their entitlement, which was part of their deferred pay.

Additional pension was paid with invalidity benefit. The average payment was £9, costing £450 million a year. The commitment was growing rapidly and by 1998 the average payment would be £21 and the cost £1.6 billion and rising.

A commitment on that scale would inhibit the growth of occupational sick-pay schemes and widen the gap between those able and unable to work. It would make it increasingly difficult for any government to find resources to help disabled people with the greatest needs.

The Bill therefore provided for no new entitlement to additional pension after 1990-91. From April 1991 all entitlement to additional pension would cease. Existing rights would be preserved.

The saving would be £5 million in 1992-93 rising to £100 million in mid-decade and £350 million by the end of the century.

The complete package would help about 850,000 people at a net cost of £300 million by 1993-94. Because of it expenditure on the long-term sick and disabled would be higher than it would otherwise have been for every remaining year of the century.

Mr Meacher asked what would be the total cumulative saving from the abolition of additional pension.

By 2025 expenditure would be reduced by more than £1 billion.

The Bill provided a number of measures to give greater protection to members of pension schemes. For some it had come as a painful awakening that the takeover or merger of their company had resulted in a *sharp reduction in the value of* their pension.

Not only did people expect the full value and security of pension rights built up over a number of years, they also had expectations of discretionary increases on top.

"Instead, they can end up with a pension based on the lower salary they had when their original scheme was wound up. And only part of that is protected by revaluation each year. That is no longer acceptable."

The Government was proposing that revaluation should be applied to the whole of the preserved pension rights of future early leavers, not just that fraction accumulating after 1985.

"This will not only benefit people affected by takeovers and mergers, but also those who change jobs."

The Bill also included measures to restrict self-investment where pension funds owned any assets in companies to which they were related.

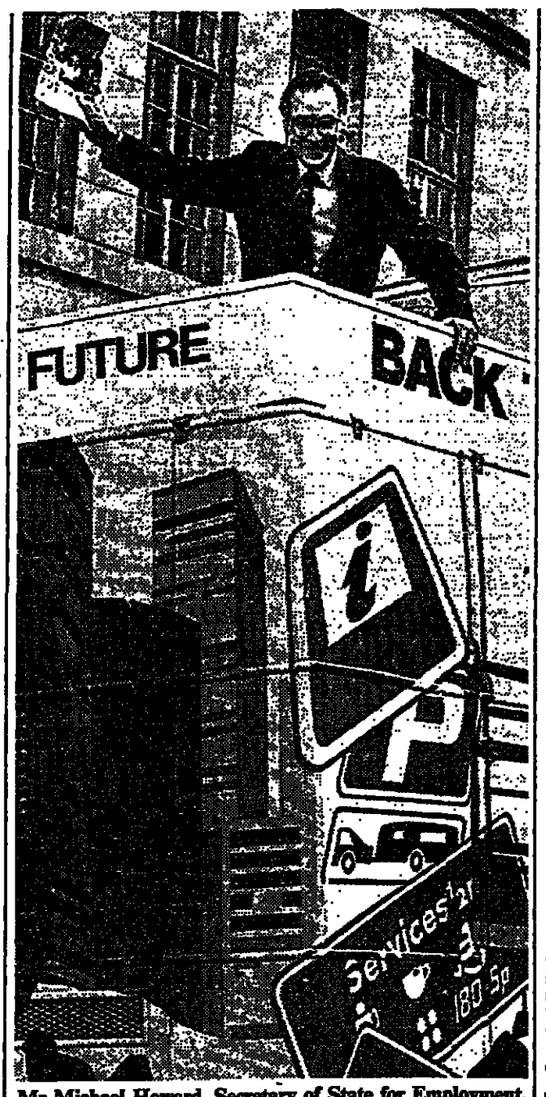
More than 3.5 million had now opted for personal pension schemes, which reduced the burden on Serps in the longer term.

Serps and most other public sector occupational schemes, including those for MPs, were fully inflation-proofed. But in the private sector, virtually none were.

Some private schemes made no increase in pension after retirement. The Bill would do nothing to prevent this form of legalized robbery.

Labour would require occupational schemes to meet full inflation-proofing targets, and to ensure that they did so, would ban employer or trustee unilateral contribution holidays.

The over-trumpeting of the proposals on disability benefits was matched only by their modesty.



Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, with the department's Action Bus, which began a six-month tour yesterday aimed at advising women who are interested in returning to work. Women at work, page 3.

Luce denies fees have slashed museum visits

Allegations that the introduction of museum charges had seen admissions plummet – and that the Government was responsible – were rebuffed by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, at question time.

He told MPs that admission levels in museums, including a mass of independent ones, had been at record levels last year, Museums Year. The Government's repeatedly stated policy was that it was for the board of trustees in each institution to take the decision whether or not to introduce charges. This was against a background of a real increase in resources for the *national institutions on behalf* of the taxpayer.

Dr John Marek (Wrexham, Lab) said that attendances at the National Maritime Museum, where charges had been introduced, had dropped by 35 per cent; at the National History Museum by 40 per cent; and at the Welsh National Museum by 85 per cent. When would he recognize the evidence?

Mr Luce said that at the Imperial War Museum admissions were up on the last full year in which there had been no charges. At others, there had been usually a temporary drop in the first year or two before they picked up again.

"If (museums) are to introduce charges, my view is very strong that they must link it to an improvement in services to the public and that is what most of them are doing."

Sir Philip Goodhart (Beckenham, C) said that the national museums in virtually all the other EC countries had admission charges. "If it is right on the Continent, why should it not be right here?"

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, said that the Government was now content to sit there and do nothing while admissions to national museums plummeted.

"The Government is directly responsible because it is the minister's refusal to fund the base budget of national museums properly that is forcing these museums, who do not want to charge, into administering admission charges."

Or was he going to repeat his disgraceful remark of a few years ago that if it was any good, people would pay for it?

Mr Luce said that Mr Fisher talked a lot of nonsense. *They* were seeing a 27 per cent increase in taxpayers' resources in the next three years to national museums and galleries. To suggest that the decisions are made by national museums on the grounds of inadequate funding was nonsense.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C) said that the select committee that had looked at this subject in 1981 had got it about right. Its unanimous report said that the trustees should have the ultimate discretion – "but that, if they exercise that, they should always preserve certain days free of charge and so preserve a great tradition.

"If we are seduced by the latest select comittee report we shall reach a stage where we know the price of everything and the value of nothing." (Labour cheers)

Mr Luce said that the evidence was that institutions which had introduced charges had made a wide range of concessions, including free open days.

Labour cheers greet Meyer

Sir Anthony Meyer (North West Clwyd, C), deserted on Friday by his constituency party following his challenge to Mrs Thatcher for the Conservative leadership, was cheered by Labour MPs at Welsh questions.

To laughter, Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab) suggested that the Secretary of State for Wales (Mr Peter Walker) make his annual speech on the catastrophic state of the economy in Sir Anthony's constituency. Indeed, he said, it might have ben better if Mr Walker had made it last week.

Mr Wyn Roberts, Minister of State for Wales, said that Sir Anthony was very much his own man, adding later that he had enormous courage.

Welsh factory rates to fall

Under the new business rate, and with the Government's funding, factories and warehouses in Wales would have a 27 per cent reduction on their rate burden, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, said during Common questions.

Baker gives an apology

There had been a written apology from Mr Kenneth Baker, Chairman of the Conservative Party, for an incident on Friday in which a party official had occupied a seat in the box reserved for civil servants, the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) told MPs.

He said that he accepted the apology.

Loans pledge

The Government will not take retaliatory action against the banks for not backing the student loan scheme, the Prime Minister said in a written Commons reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Health; Prime Minister. Debate on the autumn statement.
Lords (2.30): Courts and Legal Services Bill, committee, second day.

'Cloud of suspicion' regretted

STALKER AFFAIR

The Stalker affair, and the document relating to the removal of Mr John Stalker from the Northern Ireland shoot-to-kill inquiry that Mr Stalker says is in his possession, was raised by Labour MPs in the Commons.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) said that it was totally unsatisfactory when unnamed public figures, by implication, were under a cloud of suspicion seemingly for having done something wrong.

It was a pity that the Speaker had not received any requests from the Home Secretary, the Attorney General or the Minister for the Civil Service to clarify the assertions by Mr Stalker, that the letters RA on the 1986 document stood for either Lord Armstrong (then Sir Robert Armstrong, Cabinet Secretary) or Sir Robert Andrews (then Permanent Under Secretary, Northern Ireland Office).

The House should be told exactly what the Government knew about the assertions by Mr Stalker.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that it was not a matter for him.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said that Mr Stalker could submit documents to the chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee or put them in the Library of the House where they could be studied by MPs.

In the circumstances it was perhaps a little unreasonable of Mr Stalker to dangle the documents in front of the public without being prepared to reveal them.

Earlier, during questions about the conduct of civil servants, Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that a new code for senior civil servants who had official dealings with the police should make it clear that where there was deep public disquiet, as now over the Stalker affair, there should be no resistance to a full public inquiry.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service, said that was a matter for the Home Secretary. If Mr Stalker had a document he wished to submit to the Government, that was up to him.

Troops die in clash with Tigers

Colombo – Eight Indian soldiers were killed in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka in an attack by the Indian Peacekeeping Force and the pro-Indian Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front on a Tamil Tigers camp (Vijitha Yapa writes).

Reports from Jaffna said that the Indians used helicopters and armoured carriers in the operation.

Briton missing

Reykjavik (AP) – Rescuers have called off a search for Mr Stephen Reader, aged 25, from Wallington, Surrey, who disappeared during an attempt to climb Hvannadalsh summit, Iceland's highest mountain.

Maoist killed

Lima (AP) – Señor Carlos Olivares del Carpio, a leader of the Maoist Shining Path guerrillas, was killed in a clash with police in the Peruvian southern Andes, officials said.

Leper total

Lagos (AFP) – Nigeria officially has 193,715 lepers, but the Government believes that this figure is an underestimation, Mr Olikoye Ransome-Kuti, the Health Minister, announced here.

Rebel claim

Nairobi (Reuter) – The rebel Somali National Movement claims it seized a government cargo ship in the Red Sea and shot down an air force jet which later tried to bomb it.

Hanging death

Mbabane (Reuter) – Dr E. V. Dlamini, the head of the Swazi civil service and secretary to the Cabinet, was found hanged at his home. Crime is not suspected.

Vatican post

Rome (AFP) – Cardinal Edmund Casimir Zoka, the Archbishop of Detroit, is to be the Vatican's new Budget Minister, church officials announced.

Poles freed

Khartoum (Reuter) – Eritrean rebels have released the 30 Poles they captured from a ship in the Red Sea three weeks ago, officials said.

Flights back

Lisbon (Reuter) – Passengers jammed Portugal's three international airports when flights resumed after a three-day pay strike by air-traffic controllers.

Crisis in the South Pacific

Rambo-inspired rebels pit bow and arrow against gun

From Robert Cockburn, Bougainville, Papua New Guinea

Hollywood is partly to blame for the intensifying guerilla war on the South Pacific island of Bougainville, which has forced the Australian Government to announce plans to send in military forces to evacuate 1,000 nationals trapped by bow-and-arrow-wielding tribesmen.

For more than a year, rebel tribesmen on the island, 300 miles east of mainland Papua New Guinea, have resorted to spears, bows and arrows, home-made shotguns and the ample supply of bombs that were left over from the battles of the Second World War, in their fight to win independence and close the giant Bougainville Copper Mine.

The rebel leader, Mr Francis Ona, has been inspired by the Sylvester Stallone video, *Rambo: First Blood Part II*, in which the hero takes on his enemies with a bow and arrow. It is compulsive viewing for his followers.

Some of those include "cargo cultists" who still worship the Second World War planes that suddenly appeared to parachute supplies into their untouched world during the battles with the Japanese. They still await their second coming.

Since Mr Rabbie Namaliu, the Prime Minister, sent in troops to flush out the rebels, 4,000 local villagers have been forced into internment camps to make way for their operations.

Yet despite efforts by the Army to quell the rebel campaign, there are growing signs of unrest spreading to parts of the mainland among other tribal leaders who are unhappy at foreign mining operations on their land. Senator Gareth Evans, the Australian Foreign Minister, has not ruled out "a limited" military action by Australian forces against rebel tribesmen fighting for independence from the mainland Government.

The small guerrilla war on Bougainville has done enormous damage to the economy and the efforts of Mr Namaliu to unify his nation of 3.5 million people. Many of them live in isolated communities, cut off by impenetrable jungles, swamps, mountains and 800 different languages.

Papua New Guinea, which gained independence from Australia in 1975, has a lively parliamentary democracy, but which is fraught with tribal differences.

On Bougainville, the Australian mining company CRA failed to negotiate with local people and share out the massive profits from the mine. The result has been an uprising by the Bougainville Revolutionary Army.

Mr Ona's warriors forced the Bougainville copper mine to close down in May, denying the Government 35 per cent of its national budgetary income. Mr Ona wants the mine to close permanently, US$10

billion (£6.17 billion) in compensation for the vast open-cut mine, the pollution which it has created on traditional farming land, and their independence. A government claim that Mr Ona had died recently in a tribal coup is not widely believed.

"No body," said a Port Moresby taxi-driver, "no proof."

Dead or alive, Mr Ona has overcome the traditional rivalry between mainland people and Bougainvilleans who look east to the Solomon Islands for their homeland. Mainlanders know Bougainvilleans as *ass blong sauspan* in pidgin-English, comparing their very dark skins to blackened cooking pots.

Proud of their complexions, the Bougainvilleans refer to the paler mainlanders as "redskins".

For Mr Namaliu, the task of keeping together the country's fragile unity and economy grows worse by the day.

"They tried to bomb the airport here," said Jonah, a taxi-driver, pulling up outside Port Moresby's airport yesterday. "I wouldn't fight against the rebels because they fight for the land – that's what's important."

As the numbers of rival rebel forces and government troops increase daily on Bougainville Island, the fighting has escalated and reached into the heart of the provincial capital, Arawa.

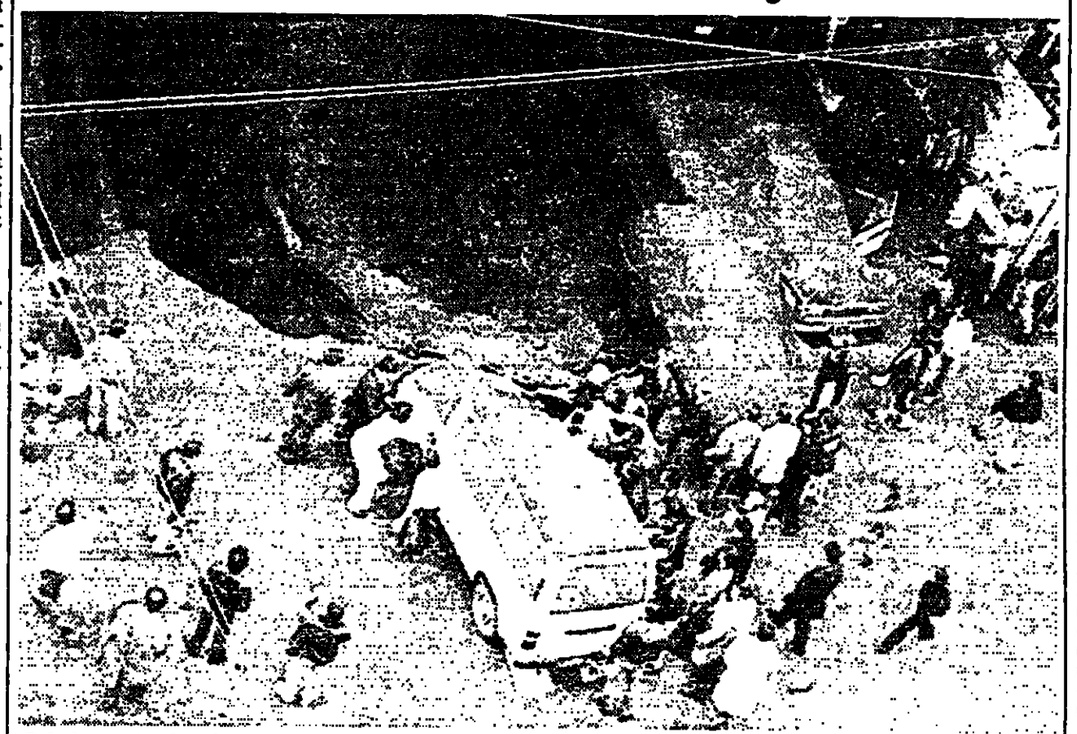
Last night, the area was again rocked by an explosion after the nightly curfew came into effect. The town was shaken by a large explosion on Sunday night.

Using one of hundreds of bombs abandoned here after the Second World War, the Bougainville Revolutionary Army destroyed two warehouses just a few streets away from the army headquarters where the campaign against them is co-ordinated.

By yesterday morning, all that remained of the big Kaimart warehouse in central Arawa was crumpled wreckage and burning supplies of food and equipment. The revolutionary army, under its military leader, Mr Sam Kaona, is getting bolder. Mr Kaona, who was trained as an officer by the Australian Army, now leads at least 1,000 rebels hidden in the jungle.

Frustrated by their inability *to counter Mr Kaona's* guerrilla tactics, the Papua New Guinea Defence Force soldiers reacted with their now familiar reprisal. By daylight, they were reported by local people to have entered the hillside village immediately above the wrecked stores and burnt down houses – tactics used before after rebel attacks.

Cave-in on crowded Tokyo street



Onlookers surveying the section of a busy Tokyo street which sank 17 ft yesterday, injuring at least four pedestrians and a motorist. At least two cars and a motor scooter were found buried in the hole, measuring 42 ft by 32 ft, said a metropolitan fire board spokesman (AP reports). He said at least four pedestrians were hurt by flying stones and debris, but it was not known if anyone had been in the cars when the street collapsed. An 18-year-old driver suffered a head injury when he braked suddenly to avoid the hole. Three others were injured when hundreds of people crowded around to look. Japan Railways officials said the street sank near the site where the railway is digging a tunnel for super-express trains, but it was not known whether the collapse was related to the excavations.

Seoul parties in merger as prelude to reform accord

From John Gittelsohn, Seoul

President Roh of South Korea joined two opposition party leaders yesterday to form a powerful new coalition that could transform the country's political landscape and pave the way for sweeping reforms of the Constitution.

Backers of the new coalition described the surprise merger as a revolution that will end South Korea's long tradition of political confrontation. But critics of the move claimed that it amounted to a political coup d'etat.

The new grouping is composed of Mr Roh's ruling Democratic Justice Party, the opposition Reunification Democratic Party of Mr Kim Young Sam's, and Mr Kim Jong Pil's New Democratic Republican Party. Together, they hold 225 seats in the 299-member National Assembly, a comfortable enough margin to meet the two-thirds majority which is required to amend the Constitution.

"We've decided to launch a new political style that gives hope for the future," Mr Roh announced after his nine-hour marathon session with the two Kims, who stood at his side as he spoke. He cited the need to prepare for unification with North Korea and to cope with a recent economic downturn as the basis for the party leaders' decision to join forces. He promised that the new coalition would support democracy, capitalism and the country's reunification.

The leaders of the three parties have been reported to have agreed in principle to change the Constitution from the current US-type presidential system to a European-style parliamentary system led by a prime minister. Under the agreement, Mr Roh, who still has three years of his presidency remaining, will finish his term.

Left out in the cold was Mr Kim Dae Jung, the opposition leader, who angrily denounced the accord as "a coup against the representative system of politics and a revolt against the people's sovereignty".

He demanded that all elected officials resign and face a new set of elections for having betrayed the people.

There were scattered demonstrations in Seoul and other cities. Students urging the overthrow of the regime clashed with police at five campuses in the capital.

Meanwhile, about 100 workers were detained in the Seoul suburb of Suwon, as riot police blocked their attempt to launch a new labour federation.

Political analysts compared the new alliance with the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan, a diverse conservative coalition. The resemblance goes as far as the name of the new coalition: the Democratic Liberal Party.

In the Japanese style, the new party's origins stem from a recent series of games of golf between Mr Kim Young Sam and Mr Kim Jong Pil, which led to their agreement to realign the current factions that largely draw their support from regional loyalties.

President Roh's decision to join them came late on Sunday after he saw it as an opportunity to breathe new life into his beleaguered regime.

In the new coalition, Mr Kim Young Sam is seen as a possible frontrunner in the forthcoming campaign to succeed President Roh, according to members of his party.

But Mr Kim could also lose support by having turned his back on his old anti-government power base.

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SPECTRUM

The pride of Mr Frank Warren

Seven weeks after he was gunned down, the promoter with the reputation as one of the hardest men to come out of London's boxing sub-culture tells Barbara Amiel of the moment that was his greatest personal humiliation

On the night of November 30, 1989 the boxing promoter Frank Warren got out of his Bentley outside the Broadway Theatre in Barking, east London, and a gunman pumped bullets point-blank into his chest and stomach. Perhaps the popular response was summed up by rival boxing promoter Mickey Duff, who remarked that "Frank makes enemies easier than just about anyone I know". A brief glimpse, one thought, of a bit of society only to be seen should a bullet kick up a stone, sending the insects beneath briefly into the light.

Seven weeks after the shooting, Warren walks stiffly. But his manner is easy. One can never know what lies behind the demeanour of a man when he talks to the Press, of course. In a clever man, one who can dissemble with ease or may have nine sides for nine lives, the best of qualities can coincide with the most unattractive. Do they, in Frank Warren?

"The most humiliating experience in my life," Warren explains, "was the shooting. You see I wasn't frightened, I was embarrassed more than anything else, vulnerable and embarrassed. That's what I felt in the hospital, embarrassed because, let's face it, I personally want control of the situation.

"The worse thing you can do is humiliate someone. It's worse than pain. I had my clothes off and I was naked and it was weird because I was lying on a table and I couldn't catch my breath and my lungs and the blood and then I would disappear and come back and I kept thinking this is a comedy, a farce."

It made sense of the newspaper reports that Warren was trying to sit up in hospital and talk and explain that he was all right, even while some of his stomach and lungs had been blown away. I wondered what he wanted to do to the man who tried to kill him.

"It's a strange sort of conflict. I really am against capital punishment. I'm involved in boxing, which is obviously a very brutal and physical sport. To actually take someone, with a rope and hang them or electrocute them or cut their heads off, well, I don't think that's the way forward. But the chap who shot me (embarrassed laugh) . . . no, I don't think so."

The statistics: Warren, aged 37, is a slightish man, about 5ft 9in, half a stone underweight since the shooting ("I'm finally beginning to put it back on"), with a wife 10 years younger than himself who was formerly a model with *Vogue* and four children (one from a previous marriage). His manner is quiet. There is nothing flashy, no visible jewellery, bright clothes or crocodile shoes. "I know," he says, "that if you are not in the world of boxing you have a different attitude to it. You have this Hollywood image, big cigars and everyone rich. Gangsters and so on. It isn't. People have got this one thing in their mind, and it just doesn't happen. I got shot by somebody who's got a problem."

Well, maybe. The truth is, when you are a boxing promoter like Warren, you are always running on thin ice. You are dealing with people who may have very few means of coping with their problems except violence.

"*I can't justify boxing,*" Warren says, as if reading my thoughts. "You can't justify two people punching each other. You can't do that. I mean, it's not a fight to the death and there is a lot of skill involved, otherwise you wouldn't have referees judging and making the decisions, but there must be damage. Somebody actually punching another person in the head has got to cause brain damage. I won't try and stand up and justify it."

Why, then, be involved in the sport? "I've earned money doing it and I won't deny it. But as long as people are aware of the dangers and as long as there are strict rules and supervision and the examining doctors can tell if you're susceptible to that type of damage, well . . . But if I hadn't earned money, I'd be a paying fan, because I love boxing."

It is, I suppose, one of the last gladitorial sports we have. "Absolutely!" Warren says with enthusiasm. "You know if you were to sell tickets to a public hanging, people would queue up, you couldn't sell enough . . ."

Like many people in the world of boxing, he is anxious to point out that boxing has aristocratic origins. "It was always an *event*, not just a fight. Remember, there was the Marquis of Queensberry and, you know, the manager had a stable of boxers like a stable of racehorses which was all the gentry, you know, and nobody was allowed to cheer. The so-called gentry, from the National Sporting Club and the rich at the time watched the sport in silence."

In his early days he found it difficult to break into the world of boxing promotion dominated by the big names such as Jarvis Astaire, Mickey Duff and the British Board of Boxing Control. He founded a rival group, the National Boxing Council and took them all on. Lord Gowrie remembers meeting him when he was Minister in the Department of Employment.

"He came to the meeting with the Labour MP from Islington," Gowrie says. "He made his case well. He was a tough, brightish entrepreneur. Like all entrepreneurs they can be uncomfortable sometimes because they are trying to cut through rules and regulations. Sometimes it works very well and sometimes it does not."

With the aid of Gowrie, Warren won his case and the monopolistic rules of the Boxing Board of Control were beaten down one by one. "But what I learnt from that," Warren says, "was that my National Boxing Council could only go so far. You need to become part of the so-called Establishment and to take it there you need to be accepted by the Establishment, so that you can get on with your business."

That phrase, "getting on with business" is the theme of Warren's life. If he was not born with a sense of confidence, he has one now and only occasionally lapses into the phrases of his beginnings on a council estate in Islington. "Some people say I'm ruthless. I don't think so. I'm single-minded. I suppose boxing is a real sort of cynical and hypocritical world but, having said that, some of the people in the City are a hundred times worse than the people you meet in boxing.

". . . What I mean by that, you couldn't trust them as far as you can see them, although I've met some decent people in the City. But, the Establishment, well . . . I don't spend time thinking about them, I just get on with my business. It's not what you wear or how you behave. Somebody either trusts you or they don't trust you. Of course there's people that look down their noses at me, but it's not going to change one thing that happens to me . . . I'm not one of those jumped-up jobs or whatever and I just take my time. I get on with it. You know, I can talk to them, charm them, whatever I want to do, but at the end of the day they aren't going to be there. So why break your balls for them?"

What makes Warren run, in fact, is he wants to be free in the most profound sense. Not to be told how to dress or how to behave or, importantly, what to be. His political ideas, for example, are confused.

"Idealistically speaking, I'm a Green . . . I have a conflict, I know. I used to be a real Tory but I looked at the hospital they took me to at Shooter's Hill, well, I couldn't believe the conditions. I just couldn't believe how dingy it was, how the conditions were so awful. Yet, you know, there were such great nurses and doctors. The National Health is a crime."

Warren worries about the elderly, the homeless. He expects the Government to ensure that children have jobs, that education is free. He is passionate about the drug problem and the destruction it is causing. "It happened in my *family*. . ." He *continues*: "Kids are the future. They are tomorrow."

But for himself, well, that is another story. He could have stayed on at school and become a professional man, an accountant or banker like he wants his children to be, "but I couldn't wait to get out and be free. The feeling of being free, although you're never free, are you? You know that you've got to conform."

He sees his success simply in terms of hard work. He dreams of turning the London Arena into the venue for the big shows he puts on (like next July's Frank Sinatra concert), which, in turn, would be filmed by his in-house video company to be sold as "product" to television satellite stations.

It is a marketing man's concept and vocabulary and one that, luck and the Establishment permitting, he might pull off. After all, this is the man that outfaced the London Docklands Development Corporation in a non-stop 23-hour meeting.

I wondered if he felt people were waiting to see him fall. "This country," he said, "is the best place in the world. It loves losers, it makes everybody feel good. I am not knocking Frank Bruno, but what happened? Frank Bruno fought Mike Tyson and he never won a round, and he's a hero. That's the mentality . . . They'd love to see me fall on my arse, and I have been very close to falling on it."

Is he a clever dealer or, as one competitor said, "a man who breaks down doors before he sees if they're open"? According to Warren, it is simply a question of making sure you have all the cards and playing them right. "I don't believe in taking advantage of people. I think it's a question of being able to handle the situation."

I can't help but admire his discipline. He sits ramrod straight on an uncomfortable bar-stool, not a drop of tea, coffee or scotch to ease the discomfort his chest wound still gives him. Just to test his consistency, I ask him again. "What would you say was the most humiliating moment of your *life?*"

There is a slight flicker in the Mongolian fold over his eyelids. "When I was shot," he repeats. "I tell you, if I had a gun in my hand, I tell you without a doubt, I wouldn't have shot to stop him, I would have shot to kill him. That's what I felt then. I hated what happened. Humiliation. Humiliation is one of the worst things you can do to a person."

A normal response? How can I judge. I feel the same way myself.

GRAHAM WOOD

The ringmaster: "I wasn't frightened," Warren says, "I was embarrassed more than anything else. Let's face it, I want control of the situation"

'Some of the people in the City are a hundred times worse than the people you meet in boxing'

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

English pulled up by its roots

Language continually changes by indirections and absurdities. Howlers can become "correct" if enough people persist in making them. This has now happened to *prestigious*, now generally used to mean "having or giving prestige", instead of its original and etymologically correct meaning, "practising juggling or legerdemain".

Confusing *flaunt* with *flout* was popularized by Ted Heath. It is not established yet, and should be resisted. *Infer* is widely used to mean *imply* (and has been by writers as serious as Thomas More, *Milton and Sir Walter Scott*). This is widely regarded as a howler, and it would be a pity to lose our distinction between *infer* and *imply*. *Disinterested* is often used to mean *uninterested*, and is widely regarded as a howler. In fact the first recorded uses of *disinterested*, by John Donne and Junius, are to mean *uninterested*, half a century before *uninterested* came into English.

We may (and do) deplore many of these changes; but if the tide of *vox populi* has set on a change, in the long trawl not even the strongest swimmers can fight against the tide. "Prestigious" people, from our best writers to pop-singers, have more influence than most in changing the language. But language grows from *the bottom up as well as* from the top down. It is the only mass democracy, open to everybody who uses it. Lexicographers and linguists record the grunts and snorts coming up to them from us in their dictionaries, established "howlers" and all. It is the job of teachers to teach the best contemporary English, and to correct and expunge howlers.

One of the best teachers is C.H. Rolph, who has written his weekly "Personally Speaking" column in the *Police Review* for the past 55 years. He is, though he will not forgive me, prestigious, and disinterested, and endearing, and splendid. And he has spotted a creeping confusion between *prevaricate* and *procrastinate*. Here are two examples from *The Times*. "Some fear Mr Ridley will *prevaricate* until the next election" (without doing anything about computer hackers). And here is Professor Graham Zellick, Professor of Law at the University of London, in an article: "But still the Government *prevaricates*. It will now await the views of Parliament in the autumn before deciding whether to introduce legislation" (about war crimes).

The words are both quadrisyllables beginning with "pr". But their roots and meanings are quite different. That *cras* in *procrastinate* means "tomorrow" in Latin, and the word means time-wasting, or putting off until tomorrow. *Prevaricate* means to evade the truth in ways short of lying, and the roots come from walking crookedly. *Varicare* is to spread the legs apart in Latin; *varus* is knock-kneed. *Procrastinate* is the attitude of *mañana*: never do anything today that you can postpone until tomorrow. *Prevaricate* is falsehood. They are quite distinct, and all good men and women will rally round Rolph to maintain the useful distinction.

But if enough professors of law and other writers in *The Times* carry on using *prevaricate* where they mean *procrastinate*, the next edition of *The Oxford English Dictionary* will have to record the howler. If Latin were more widely taught, there would be less barbaric confusion about the roots of our language.

Philip Howard

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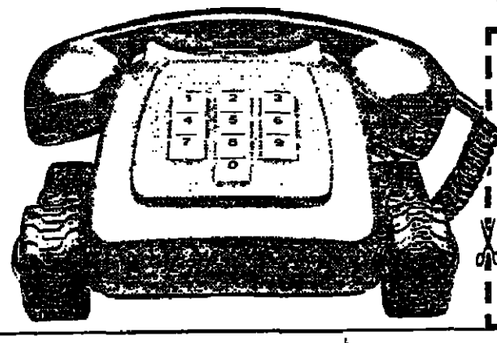

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TIMES DIARY

ALAN HAMILTON

There was a moment of severe embarrassment at last week's unique and remarkably amicable 35-nation military doctrine seminar at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, where former sworn enemies sat down and jawed peaceably about their various strategies. After the big-gun chiefs of defence staff from the likes of the US, the Soviet Union, Britain and France had said their pieces about East-West security, who should spring to life but the delegate from Cyprus. He pointed out that his was the only country present that was under occupation. He went on to harangue Turkey, which still has 27,000 troops in northern Cyprus. Turkey's top general then stood up and apologized to the august company for the behaviour of his "colleague". It was sad, he said, that Cyprus had chosen such an occasion to raise this matter. If the Turks stay much longer, the question of which is the only European country with an occupying army still on its soil may soon feature in Trivial Pursuit.

Christopher Martin, the new headmaster of Millfield — the Somerset school best known for producing sports stars — is about to lose his place on the Headmasters' Conference, one of the tightest and most prestigious closed shops in education. Membership is limited to around 230, and is based on a mixture of the man and his school. Martin, as head of Bristol Cathedral School, founded in 1542, has been a long-standing member of HMC, but I fear that Millfield fails to qualify, in spite of fees exceeding £8,000 a year. His old friends in HMC will now busy themselves on getting Martin re-elected, but I suspect he will first have to mend some of the ways of his new charge, which are perhaps best described as unconventional.

● Estate agents' English fails to improve. One near here is offering "five unique houses" for sale.

The Ministry of Defence, the Stormont authorities and even British Telecom seem to be bending over backwards in their eagerness to facilitate complaints from Dublin about the conduct of British soldiers in Ulster. The Army's Northern Ireland headquarters' main switchboard number at Lisburn has been changed. Anyone telephoning the old number gets a polite recorded message which, after giving the new number and STD code, adds helpfully: "If you're calling from the Irish Republic, the code is 080846." Is this, I wonder, a devilish Whitehall ploy to encourage Haughey and Co to complain direct to the Army top brass, thereby obviating the need for the Anglo-Irish secretariat at Maryfield, which so sticks in the craw of many an Ulster Unionist?

BARRY FANTONI

'Apparently they're changing hands for telephone numbers'

Are we really becoming a nation of namby-pambies in the matter of drink? I learn with some horror that the Sheraton Skyline Hotel at Heathrow is making a fetish out of water, offering diners ten different bottled varieties from eight countries as though they were *premier cru* vintages of something more interesting. Ask for the water list, and you will find Evian ("well balanced"), Highland Spring ("rich in bicarbonates"), NZ Natural ("low in mineral salts"), and so on. I have one very good reason for never drinking the mineral water in this column's local place of refreshment; they charge over a pound for a *little* bottle.

Comedian Dave Allen's lapse in using that nasty word on his show is as nothing compared to the evidence presented to the Broadcasting Bill standing committee by the ever-vigilant Mrs Mary Whitehouse. She and her team monitored all TV output from December 20 to January 5, and in their seven pages of evidence list 19 other utterances of the said word. Worst offenders were the films *Prizzi's Honour* (BBC2, Dec 30) and *Hollywood Shuffle* (C4, December 23). The latter, indeed, contained no fewer than 46 obscenities which Mrs W found offensive, from "dammit" upwards. It is as well this is a standing and not a select committee, otherwise the evidence would have to be published and we would be offended all over again.

Racist populism? I believe in honouring our pledge

by Norman Tebbit

The most remarkable aspect of the proposal to give a quarter of a million Hong Kong Chinese the right of abode in Britain is that ministers seem surprised that it caused a controversy. Yet many of them were in the House of Commons during the row over the admission of the 28,000 Ugandan Asians expelled by the Amin government. Surely they should have realized the hazards of promoting a new wave of immigration on a scale nine times as great.

The Macmillan government of the early Sixties had allowed, indeed encouraged, immigration from the Caribbean which brought about changes in Britain far beyond any which might reasonably have been expected to result from a change of government from one party to another. Yet it never sought the authority of the electors, nor did it announce its policy decision or its implications. It was left to a Labour Home Secretary, James Callaghan — a politician particularly sensitive to the feelings of the average man and his family — to stem the flow and to the Heath government to enact the 1971 Immigration Act.

That should have been the end of the matter for, in his manifesto for the February 1974 general election, Mr Heath wrote: "We have provided the necessary means for preventing any further large-scale permanent immigration."

In four elections since then, Conservative candidates have sought votes by repeating in some form Mr Heath's undertaking. In the 1987 manifesto the then Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, approved the words, "Immigration for settlement is now at its lowest level since control of Commonwealth immigration first began in 1962. We will tighten the existing law to ensure that control over settlement becomes even more effective."

Of course, it is not unusual for election promises to remain unfulfilled. Circumstances change; indeed the electors themselves may, by their own actions, prevent undertakings from being fulfilled, as when trade unions wrecked the Labour government's social contract. To deliberately, flagrantly and gratuitously break a clear undertaking made at five consecutive general elections is another matter. I realize that ministers facing an intractable problem may choose to perform a U-turn and hope to justify their actions, but they should not feign hurt and indignation when colleagues who prefer to stand on their word rather than their heads take an opposite view.

I have not been surprised that some politicians and political journalists should criticize those of us who oppose the introduction of another large minority community into Britain, but I am shocked that so many express such contempt for the idea that it is part of the contract of democracy that undertakings clearly and firmly given should not lightly be tossed aside.

There are three threads within the Hong Kong immigration controversy. There is the issue of whether further massive immigration of another distinct ethnic and cultural group is in the best interests of Britain's present inhabitants; whether the anxiety of Hong Kong people can or should be overcome by granting a right of abode in the hope that it will not be exercised; and whether the Hong Kong problem is, in fact, a Chinese problem that can be solved only in China.

Are the Government's critics right on the central issue of immigration? I have long opposed the establishment of large unintegrated communities divided from the British people by culture, language, religion and ethnic origin. Such communities are a potential source of division, friction and, at the extreme, violence. They bring about unacceptable double standards of custom and even law.

Some men are prosecuted for bigamy; others have drawn state benefit to finance it. The law is used to stop stupid and unfair discrimination against Muslim girls whose religion requires the wearing of headscarves in school, but the law is tactfully forgotten when Muslim mobs are incited to murder. British children in some schools are left confused and muddled with no sense of their own cultural and political heritage, all to appease those attracted here by the fruits of that very heritage.

Experience suggests that the divisions, hurts, slights, insults, quarrels and rivalries of diverse communities within nations are more likely to generate civil strife than to act as the cement essential for social stability.

The Government's arguments are incoherent. If it believed that a quarter of a million Hong Kong Chinese would benefit Britain then logically it should seek to attract them here. If it believed that issuing passports to 50,000 heads of households would help to stabilize Hong Kong and keep people there, then logic dictates that it should issue 100,000 and double the assurance. If it believed that by issuing passports it could persuade the holders to stay in Hong Kong until 1997, then they should not be valid until 1997.

The fact is that the Foreign Office has blundered again. To Peking the passport offer threatens to drive into China itself a wedge of people of divided loyalties. Our government may have forgotten that no man can honour two masters, but the Chinese have not. It is time the Government accepted that Hong Kong's problems can be solved only in China and not by unilateral British action.

A country never looks weaker than when it tries to wield power it has not got, and Britain has no power to coerce China.

C.J. Walker presents the Armenian view of the southern Soviet bloodshed

Moscow's blind eye to injustice

The ravines and rugged, weather-beaten mountains that contain the region of Nagorno Karabakh have sharpened the sense of injustice of its Armenian villagers and fired their spirit of defiance. Since February 1988 they have found a voice, and Karabakh has become the main element in a fierce struggle between the Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Karabakh (or Artsakh) was Armenian for centuries, as its monasteries and churches testify. Its highland terrain enabled the people to retain their Christianity when many of the lowlanders were converted by their Islamic conquerors. In the 18th century the people formed themselves into four principalities (or melikdoms) under the suzerainty of Persia: a spirit of independence and love of freedom lived on until the early years of this century.

Religion is the most obvious difference between the Armenians and the Muslim Azeris, but it is not the most important. Even before 1914 leading Azeris were adopting a secular outlook and the Armenians too had secular institutions. The point at issue over Karabakh today is not religious. (Christian Armenians living in Iran have not been slaughtered or burnt alive; indeed, since the 1979 revolution they have been given greater cultural and educational opportunities.) The conflict is rather one over national identity and territory: should Karabakh be part of the Azeri-Turkish world, or of the Armenian?

Even before 1914 Karabakh was denied any sort of identity suitable to its inhabitants. Although 92 per cent of its then population was Armenian, the Tsarist authorities linked the region to its lowland non-Armenian hinterland, despite the proximity of the "Armenian district" that Nicholas I had created around Yerevan in 1828. At the end of the First World War the British occupying army, under General W.M. Thomson, prevented an Armenian partisan commander from securing the union of the region with Armenia. Finally the Bolsheviks, keen in 1921 to take advantage of Turkey's anti-imperialist rhetoric, and trying to edge Kemal on the way to communism, allocated Karabakh to Azerbaijan. The wishes of the inhabitants were ignored in the eagerness of the various rulers to secure regional agreements.

From that time onwards, human rights and democracy have been overlooked. Rights, it seems, can be recognized in Europe but not on the fringe of Asia. The people of Karabakh are educated as Azeri Turks; development has been confined to the Azeri villages. Clinics, roads, irrigation, books in their own language, even the application of the rule of law — the Armenians of Karabakh have had almost none of them.

A firm hand too late: Soviet troops arrive yesterday in the Azerbaijani town of Ganja

Such discrimination, particularly in an era of openness and reconstruction, is bound to have repercussions. And so it was that in February 1988 the people of Karabakh, with extraordinary bravery, and unknown to their fellow Armenians in Yerevan, resolved to break with the injustice of the past and declare their unity with Armenia. Such unity appeared to them to be *perestroika* in action at the most elementary level. Karabakh, the kidnapped child, seemed to have found its way home.

The bravery in confronting Azeri chauvinism with a non-violent call for justice and the end of an anomalous situation did not go unpunished. Within days there was a vicious pogrom in the Caspian town of Sumgait; Azeri mobs, led by the leader of the local Communist party (later dismissed for "administrative shortcomings") and with the connivance of the authorities in Baku, the capital, committed murderous atrocities on the minority Armenian population.

Here a mystery starts. For Moscow, instead of energetically prosecuting the perpetrators, temporized and hesitated; and when a death sentence was eventually passed on a minor official who had screamed "Kill the Armenians" through a megaphone, the Azeris, affronted, began another round of slaughter. Again, Moscow threw up its hands, as if to say "We can do nothing." More recently, Baku went unpunished for trying to starve Armenia by means of a blockade — an action reminiscent of the way in which officials prevented food being given to Armenian deportees in 1915. Every outrage that the Azeris committed against Armenia was apparently condoned.

Since then the Azeris' intolerant national pride has taken two forms. The first is the straightforward anti-minority violence in Baku, familiar in the situation of any foreign minority of bourgeois tastes and identity (such as the Jews) in an urban setting. The second is the assault on the ancient but, to the ruling group alien, Armenian villagers of Karabakh. This assault is just a continuation of the massive discrimination practised against the Armenians for 68 years.

Is a reasonable political solution possible for Transcaucasia, after the military situation has stabilized? The conflict could be solved if the aggressive Turkist sentiments of Baku's rulers could be curbed. There are two possible scenarios. The first sees Transcaucasia keeping its present Soviet form with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia co-existing. No just solution would result from simple independence for the republics as they are. But the present situation without guarantees would spell genocide for Armenians anywhere in Azerbaijan — something which, on the evidence of last week, the authorities in Baku are prepared to connive at, if not actively want. So, on empirical evidence, Karabakh must become part of Armenia.

The mountain range of Azerbaijani territory separating Karabakh and Armenia need not pose much difficulty, since it is inhabited by Kurds, and was in the early years of Soviet rule designated a Kurdish autonomous region, before Azeri chauvinism suppressed it too. (Just after the 1988 demonstrations many of its villagers opted for an Armenian orientation since Armenia respects Kurdish culture and identity; there is a chair of Kurdish studies at Yerevan University. Azerbaijan permits no such diversity.)

That would deprive Azerbaijan of about 6 per cent of its territory. No Armenian seriously claims more, though some would like Ganja (Kirovabad). Will Azerbaijan really miss such a small amount of misgoverned territory? Economic sweeteners to Baku could compensate for the loss.

The second scenario is a little more risky. It will have to take into account the possibility of the independence of Georgia (something eagerly sought by its people) and of some form of unity, perhaps federal, between Soviet and Iranian Azerbaijan, although this would not be welcome in Tehran.

Where would this leave Armenia? Fairly isolated, to say the least. The only way forward then for the country would be to reopen the Armenian question, and seek legitimate territorial compensation from Turkey for the Armenian genocide of 1915. Only then could an independent Armenia, with internationally guaranteed borders, survive to play a full and appropriate part in world affairs, and only then could it overcome the ferocious chauvinist ambitions of its neighbours.

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Vernon Bogdanor urges new measures to ensure equal opportunity

Wooing women to work

The last 40 years have seen a quiet revolution in women's participation in the labour force. In the 1950s, women comprised fewer than one-third of the total number of workers; today they make up nearly half. This revolution is likely to gather speed in the 1990s when fewer young people will be available to employers. Indeed, Warwick University's Institute of Employment Research predicts that women are likely to account for around 80 per cent of an anticipated 1.1 million new workers.

Yet the report of the Hansard Society's commission, *Women at the Top*, published today, shows that extraordinarily few women have gained access to the higher reaches of public and professional life.

A survey of 100 top CBI firms, carried out for the commission, revealed more than 30,000 male senior executives against just over 2,000 women — fewer than 7 per cent. Only 2 per cent of Civil Service permanent secretaries are women. Almost all senior judges are men: there is only one female lord justice out of 27 and one female High Court judge out of 81. Moreover, more than half of the women who qualify as barristers and two-thirds of qualified solicitors have ceased to practice. In 1987, although 33 per cent of qualified barristers were women, only 14 per cent were practising; the figures for women solicitors were 54 per cent and 19 per cent.

In the universities, although the proportion of women undergraduates increased from 35 per cent to 42 per cent between 1975 and 1988, only 3 per cent of professors are women.

The Hansard Society exists to promote wider understanding of parliamentary government, and has long been concerned about the under-representation of women in public and parliamentary life. In 1987, 609 men were elected to the House of Commons and only 41 women. Since women obtained the vote in 1918 only 139 have taken their seats in the House. Britain is very near the bottom of the league table of modern democracies in terms of the proportion of women in Parliament, and at the very bottom of those holding senior political office.

The relative paucity of women in public life means that their interests are not properly represented. Since 1986, there has been a non-Cabinet ministerial group on women's issues; it has no financial resources and the current chairman and eight of the 12 departmental representatives on the group are men.

We, as a nation, are committed by our public philosophy and by law to ensure genuine equality of opportunity for women. Yet, despite pleas from the CBI and other bodies, governments have refused to allow tax deductions for child-care expenses or to relieve employer-subsidized nursery care of taxation. At current rates, workplace nurseries attract a higher rate of taxation as a benefit-in-kind than company cars.

There is a clear link between the provision of child-care facilities and the continuing employment of women with young children. In France, Belgium and Denmark, where publicly subsidized pre-primary school care is widely available, well over half the women with under-fives go to work; in Britain, where public provision is minimal, the figure is fewer than one-third — and most of those part-time.

Inflexible and traditional methods of organizing work also do much to hamper women. Fixed schedules are the norm, with senior positions dependent on a full-time, uninterrupted commitment. Yet more than 40 per cent of local authorities now operate job-sharing schemes; doctors, teachers and librarians are among those who benefit.

In the private sector, Marks & Spencer has for some years provided part-time career paths for women, and the Law Society has recommended the introduction of part-time careers for solicitors, including part-time partners, but few firms have established such arrangements.

Women at the Top commends British Rail and Littlewoods for setting voluntary targets for recruitment and promotion; BP's highly flexible career break scheme, Mars Confectionery's innovative use of specialist advertising to attract senior women and University College London, which has three times as many women professors as the average. Such enlightened employers, still the exception, show how much can be achieved, but also how far there is to go.

For equality of opportunity cannot be achieved by government action alone. It relies also on the co-operation of institutions. Most large institutions now claim to be committed to the principle of equality of opportunity. But many of the barriers preventing women from achieving parity with men are the result not of ill-will but of insensitivity. Equal opportunity codes of practice are of little use unless backed by rigorous programmes of monitoring and targets. The test must be not good intentions, but the actual percentage of women in senior positions.

The achievement of equal opportunity for women is now more urgent than ever, not only on grounds of justice, but also to ensure that Britain ceases to waste the abilities of one-half of its population. In the 1990s, the best person for the job will, more often than not, be a woman.

The author, a fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, was a member of the Hansard Society commission. Its report is available from the Hansard Society, 16 Gower St, London WC1E 6DP (£7.50).

How Britain compares

(Last general election)

	Women MPs (%)	Women Cabinet ministers (%)
Sweden	38.0	33.0
Norway	34.4	44.0
Finland	33.5	22.2
Denmark	30.7	19.0
Holland	21.3	6.6
W Germany	15.4	11.1
Italy	12.9	-
Belgium	8.5	5.3
Spain	6.6	10.5
Britain	6.3	4.5
France	5.8	5.0

A little snappy with my dresser

ALAN COREN

If you think being a kept man is all beer and skittles, then you have never had two people fiddling with your trousers in a public place, while all the world wondered.

It was not a good weekend at all. To give you some idea of how good it wasn't, I should tell you that if I did not, this Monday afternoon, have certain obligations, e.g. binmen coming tomorrow, car booked in for new brake-pads on Thursday, I should even now be lying beneath the plastic surgeon's dissembling scalpel, clutching the one-way ticket to Paraguay which would give me at least an outside chance of starting a new life beyond the derision of my native sod.

You toy with television at your peril. If the trauma of the past few days has taught me nothing else, it has taught me that. As a matter of fact, it has taught me several things else — did you know that it is possible to achieve a lower register than Chaliapin, provided you are prepared to run the risk of detaching your retinas? — but since I intend none of them ever to stand me in any stead whatsoever, they are lessons I shall file and forget.

If you are with me so far, you will have twigged that I recently signed a contract to appear in a forthcoming television series — let us call it *Scraping The Barrel* — and that one of the requirements (the misguided call them perks) of such foolhardiness is that you get new clothes. If it is a longish series, you get quite a lot of new clothes, because for some reason producers think that if their screenfodder appears in the same shirt two weeks running then mobs of enraged viewers will gather in the car-park and begin chucking lumps of dismembered Porsche through the studio windows. The logic which correlates variety of necktie with success of programme escapes me, but it may possibly explain why John Logie Baird, never a natty dresser, died broke.

Now, in the past, I have, when the Devil beckoned, been left to choose my own toilette, and have generally gone for one of the quieter shades of grey, since in the kind of broadcasts I do, the trick is to strive for unobtrusiveness. This time, however, I was told that I should have a dresser. He would pick me up on Saturday morning, and we should trawl the shops together under the guidance of his professional eye.

Guy duly materialized. A charming bloke, if a little flamboyantly shrill for the early hour, and interestingly turned out in piebald buckskins which, I discovered, he runs up himself. He was carrying a little cardboard model of the set which I was to front, and indeed, a little cardboard model of me, in an emerald jacket. Guy, who is after all paid to be sensitive, caught my shudder.

"Yes," he said, "it is a tiny bit whoopsy. But I do think we want to make something of a splash, don't you? I mean, it isn't *Panorama*."

It was a long day. Saturday. Did you see me in Austin Reed? I was the one in the red velvet blouson, shrinking behind a trouser-rack while Guy cried at the assistant, "No, no, no, he's much too bonny for scarlet!"

Did you see me in Cecil Gee? I was the one in the green plaid waistcoat trying to pass himself off as a dummy while Guy cried "Can you wave your hands about, love? Can you *give* something?" Did you see me in Simpson's? I was the one in the ivory seersucker, vainly struggling to look more seer and less sucker while Guy and his new friend the floorwalker went into hysterical convulsions about my backside.

And almost the worst of all was that Guy resolutely refused to divulge our relationship. "Tell them it's for telly, and they come over all of a doodah," he explained. "Let them think we're just buddy-buying."

I stared at him. He gave me a little shove. This was in Harrod's.

And the worst of all? The worst of all was that Guy was carrying a big bag of notes. Every time he said, "Yes, he looks lovely, I'll take it," he snapped open the bag, and peeled the wad. I stood by the till, jutting my jaw rhomboid and gravelling my voice till the windows rattled.

Selfish, really. For when, exhausted, we closed the nightmare in a pub and I came clean on my discomfort, Guy put down his gin and said: "Yes, well, and what about my image?"

And I said: "What about your image?"

And Guy said: "Well, you're hardly Lord Alfred, love."

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

No spectacle on the political stage is more fascinating than the decomposition of reformed communism during the interval between the revolutions and the elections in central Europe. The reformists came to power unexpectedly. Installed with Mr Gorbachov's blessing, revamped and renamed, equipped with new leaders and new slogans, the revisionist parties seized their chance. At the same time they tried to exploit the presumed immaturity of the opposition in order to cling to power.

It was always an outside chance that they would succeed in both aims. Now, however, it looks probable that they will succeed in neither. Mr Gorbachov's apparent ability to work political miracles was useful to the reformists as long as the Ceausescus and Honeckers, the Husaks and Zhivkovs were in charge. As the Soviet leader's reputation is eclipsed by insurgent subject nations, his patronage has become insufficient to inspire respect: in Romania the people refuse to believe that he was "behind" the overthrow of the Ceausescu clan. Mr Gorbachov's liberal Leninism is no longer the standard by which these nations judge themselves.

The purge of the gerontocracy was, moreover, a policy which was bound to yield diminishing returns. Of the long-serving icons of communist orthodoxy in central Europe, only President Jaruzelski now remains. The ostracization of the fallen tyrants has come too late. In the Hungary of 20 years ago Janos Kadar was certainly less despised than his present heir Mr Nyers; even Mr Dubcek, rehabilitated but still an unrepentant Marxist, enjoys incomparably less prestige than he did in 1968. Socialism with a human face is all very well; but as Mr Gary Kasparov, the Soviet world chess champion, now a refugee from Baku, remarked: "Frankenstein's monster also had a human face."

Since Christmas, the reformist communist parties have shed members and figureheads at a rate which must be alarming for their loyalists. In Poland the communists are already obliged to fall back on generals to fill their remaining significant posts in government. The appointment of Mr Vaclav Havel to the Czechoslovak presidency has whetted Polish appetites for the replacement of General Jaruzelski by Mr Lech Walesa or, should he be unwilling, some no less vigorously anti-communist head of state.

It is the same story elsewhere: the odds on Hungary's leading reformist, Mr Imre Pozsgay, inheriting his country's presidency have lengthened in recent weeks, despite the efforts of his and Prime Minister Nemeth's "democratic socialist" Government to distance themselves from their disguised and emasculated party. In Prague the Prime Minister, Mr Marian Calfa, resigned from the Communist Party last week before it even had a chance to change its name. It is entirely conceivable that Mr Gregor Gysi, the East German party leader, could follow his deputy's example last weekend, by joining the rival Social Democrats. If he does not, it will be Prussianism, not socialism, that restrains him.

If this process of decline continues at the present rate, it may be a metaphysical question whether these communist parties will still exist to fight the multi-party elections due to take place between spring and summer. Many reformist communists seem now to be calculating that their cause will stand a better chance of survival carrying on a ghostly life after death inside the opposition parties. In Romania, for instance, former luminaries of the old anti-Ceausescu wing of the party, like Mr Silviu Brucan, enjoy great influence inside the National Salvation Front.

There is nothing necessarily sinister in this; but those who provide safe havens for the politically homeless should be aware of what they are about. Opposition parties which make no compromises with the communists, such as the left-of-centre Free Democrats in Hungary or the right-of-centre German Social Union in East Germany, stand a better chance of success at the polls in the long run than those which hesitate to break decisively with the past.

LABOUR'S LOCAL DIFFICULTY

Labour believes that the impact of the community charge will be adverse to the Conservatives' electoral prospects. It would certainly be understandable if it devised its own amendments to add to those with which the Government has already tried to make the much criticized new local tax more palatable.

Labour will not advance its own cause in setting off in the direction it now contemplates, *however. Its provisional intention is to replace* the community charge as a means of raising local revenue by a property tax. This would not be a flat rate, but would be levied according to each individual's "ability to pay" according to his other means.

A return to a tax on property to raise local revenue would be perfectly practicable. The rating system was just such a tax and it was *criticized because it took no account of the* difference of means between individuals living in houses of the same "value." Labour's proposed device for overcoming this difficulty, however, is an unholy marriage between a tax on each individual's local property and his other "means," as certified by the Inland Revenue. (Whether these means include income, capital, or both, is not clear.) The outcome would be a bureaucratic morass which would make for an accountant's dream and a citizen's nightmare.

Labour could still, of course, seek a formula for a simple local income tax, though if it does it will meet the objection that it is no more than an adjunct of national taxation and the Treasury will resist removing part of the total national income tax from its control. The idea of a local property tax enmeshed with the already complex national tax system would be far worse, however.

If the basis of payment is to be not only the value of the local property but also general ability to pay, logic would require the basis of tax to be each local taxpayer's property in general. How, otherwise, could the tax embrace, say, a man exceptionally wealthy in terms of pensions, annuities and other investments who chose not to live in property he owned but in a grand rented house?

The only property basis on which he could be assessed according to his ability to pay would be his general capital wealth. In other words, it would be a general wealth tax applied to local purposes. To the extent that it would be an allocation of part of the national assessment, it would end any pretence that local spending authorities should be accountable to their voters by having to raise locally what they spend locally.

Labour's ideas appear to be the brainchild of Mr Bryan Gould, the chief environment spokesman and Mr David Blunkett. Mr Gould has already spread alarm in his party by suggesting that those who have shares in former nationalized industries may have to forgo dividends if all the profits are required for investment purposes as prescribed by government. Now he promotes the idea that people already struggling to pay mortgages on their houses should also have to pay a tax on a notional property value augmented according to their savings and earnings.

As a virtual extension of national income tax, it would undermine Labour's vaunted intention not to raise total taxation but simply to add a lower rate for lower earners and a higher rate for top earners. It could sound the knell of the Opposition's hopes of winning back those middle class and skilled worker votes it needs for victory. The outcome would be a distraught cry from the polling booths of "Save the poll tax – all is forgiven!" as would-be defectors stampeded back to the Conservatives.

ECUMENICAL SPRING?

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has described the present state of church unity as "wintry." All the main Christian denominations set aside one week in January each year to pray together for unity, and this year's events coincide with a cool period. The advantage for churchmen of the "winter" metaphor is that it does not last for ever, thus justifying continued struggle even when the climate is unfriendly.

Last night Dr Runcie took part with a host of notables from other churches in a unique service of ecumenical celebration, the like of which would not have been conceivable 25 years ago. It was held to celebrate the entry of the Roman Catholic Church as a serious player in the unity game, which began with the Second Vatican Council's decree on ecumenism promulgated in 1965.

It also celebrated the arrival of new ecumenical organizations in Britain which will take over later this year from the British Council of Churches. The new structures, which have the unlovely name of "ecumenical instruments," are an advance on the old, partly because they have absorbed the lessons of the almost permanent impasse which had descended over the council's work, and partly because the Roman Catholic Church is itself to be a full member, which it never was under the previous regime.

The fact that all the major non-Roman Catholic British churches have been prepared to see the winding up of the British Council of Churches for the sake of gaining Roman Catholic participation is a measure of the enormous difference the Second Vatican Council's ecumenical decree has made in the last quarter century. It is not just the decree, however. The whole process of renewal in the Catholic Church, set in hand by Vatican II, has turned that Church into a much more attractive ecumenical partner.

Free Church leaders were present in force for last night's service of celebration, held appropriately enough in Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral. It suggests that ecumenical events in England will in future no longer be so effortlessly dominated by Anglicans, and it points to the advantages for the smaller churches of relating simultaneously and on equal terms to two much larger churches.

In the last 20 years both the Methodist and the United Reformed Churches have had their fingers burnt by the Church of England when it turned down opportunities never likely to occur again to build a native pan-Protestant church. It is the arrival of the Roman Catholic Church on the ecumenical scene which has provided the present opportunity for a fresh start. Having disappointed a series of ecumenical partners, of which the Roman Catholic Church is only the latest, the Church of England was in no position to start a new initiative itself.

It is still going to be a long haul. No one even speculates, at this stage, on what sort of unity is being sought, but it is hard to travel hopefully when the destination is so far over the horizon. What is now needed, and it is something to which the new ecumenical instruments are admirably suited, is a steady period of ecumenical growth at the local and regional level – previous initiatives have been largely at national and international level, remote from the pews.

Honest mutual understanding and acceptance between ordinary members of different churches are essential conditions for progress. Only then is church unity ever likely to be wholeheartedly supported by the mass of church members. Unless and until they do, finely devised schemes and skilful theological negotiations will once again prove to be in vain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ivory stocks in Hong Kong

From Professor P. P. G. Bateson, FRS, and others

Sir, The Government's decision to allow the sale of the Hong Kong ivory stockpile (report, January 18) will have far-reaching consequences for the African elephant.

The very survival of the elephant is threatened by poaching for ivory. The most effective strategy to prevent the elephant disappearing for ever is a three-pronged one: reduction of demand in the consumer countries, a trade ban, and action in the field to protect elephants.

In June, 1989, Britain, recognising the desperate plight of the elephant, was one of those countries which banned the import of ivory. Later, in October, 1989, Britain joined 76 other countries in voting to ban the ivory trade at an international conference (CITES) in Switzerland.

The incentive for poaching is removed if there is no trade in ivory. It is particularly reprehensible that the Government should now, at the last moment, decide to opt out of this agreement and allow the sale of the Hong Kong ivory.

By doing so, Britain has sent a signal to the poachers that they may kill more elephants because large quantities of ivory are again being traded. This will make the international effort to save the elephant from extinction far more difficult.

Yours faithfully,
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Juries on fraud

From Mr Duncan Heenan

Sir, I would add a further reason to those put forward by Lord Benson (January 10) and Louis Blom-Cooper (January 16) for doing away with juries in fraud cases, culled from personal experience.

I was foreman of a jury in a simple fraud case in the early seventies. Elected as such as I was the only accountant and it was a bookkeeping-based crime. After three days of carefully explained evidence the entire jury asked me to make the decision, as they could still not understand the case. They were not stupid, merely untrained in a technical area.

This opens up the question of all technically-based cases where specialist judges may well serve justice better than laymen can. This will require some training of the judiciary and they must not be too proud to admit it.

Yours faithfully,
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Computer-speak

From Mr Geoffrey A. K. Robinson

Sir, The letter from Ms Vivien Allen (January 9) *re* instructions for machines written in "made-up doggie-woggie words" and the explanation of this phenomenon, i.e., manuals translated into English by foreigners not fully conversant with the language, rings a couple of bells here.

In 1988 we bought an industrial vacuum cleaner, country of origin not stated but presumably EC. It gives pleasing instructions how to "suckle". Last summer we bought an Italian-made fan. The best, and most incomprehensible instruction on this reads as follows: "To adjust in vertical even act on the knob situated on the upside of pedestal".

I feel that the composer of this heroic effort would have been someone after the heart of the late and much lamented Paul Jennings.

Yours faithfully,
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Causes and risks of cow disease

From Dr Michael A. Baldwin

Sir, The title of your report of January 17 on "mad cow disease" or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, "Farmers count the cost of 'mystery' virus", was misleading. Nucleic acid is an essential component of viruses, whereas the pathogens responsible for BSE, scrapie, and related human diseases are resistant to inactivation by processes that destroy nucleic acid.

Professor Stanley Prusiner of the University of California, San Francisco, has produced an impressive array of evidence that these pathogens are not viruses. The infective particles, which can be extracted from infected brains, have been termed prions as the only clearly identified component is an unusual form of a protein.

Statements from the Government and the farming lobby, concerning the low risk levels arising from eating contaminated meat, should be treated with considerable caution. Incubation times for human prion disease may be several decades: 30 years being common for kuru, a prion disease which was perpetuated in New Guinea through ritualistic cannibalism. However, although such diseases are infectious, there is generally a species barrier that reduces the probability of human infection arising from eating animal products.

People have almost certainly eaten contaminated lamb and mutton for many generations without serious risk, but there is a danger in concluding the same will apply for BSE. The proteins arising from this apparently new prion disease may be closer to the human versions than the scrapie prion proteins, and could possibly be more readily translated to human forms.

Because of the very long incubation times, it may be a generation or more before we can truly evaluate the risks.

Yours faithfully,
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January 19.

From Dr Helen C. Grant

Sir, You quote in today's *Times* one of the world's most distinguished veterinary surgeons, I. H. Pattison, whose group at the Agricultural Research Council's laboratories in Compton was responsible for the first of many transmission experiments on scrapie, the ovine brain disease which is the source of the outbreak of BSE in UK cattle.

It is these and other experiments which form the basis of today's anxieties about BSE. It was Pattison's group also which first revealed to the world the most sinister property of the scrapie agent, the reason for its being transmitted to cattle: namely, its resistance to all usual disinfecting procedures, including "irradiation".

The spongy brain diseases, whether bovine, ovine or human, are mysterious and horrible afflictions: they are not just any old bacterial infection to be despatched with the appropriate antibiotic. It is the transmission experiments in general, and in particular the transmission to chimpanzees of the two human variants (kuru and the Creutzfeldt-Jacob dementia, CJD), which cause some experts to be so squeamish about UK beef.

Iain Pattison's voiced suspicions about the "red" meat, even, will do nothing to provide reassurance.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. GRANT,
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January 21.

From the Director of Consumer Watch

Sir, Reports that other EC countries have banned the import of cattle from the UK because of fears about bovine spongiform encephalopathy is bound to increase consumer concern in Britain. Consumers are assured by the ministry's chief veterinary officer that there is no evidence of a risk to human health, but further precautionary measures have now been taken to prohibit the use of certain bovine offals in human foods. This action follows 17 months after the decision to destroy BSE-affected cattle in order to prevent infected meat entering the human food chain. Why has this delay occurred?

The use of ruminant-based protein as food for cattle and sheep was banned in July, 1988, but it is still being processed for feeding to pigs and poultry. How long will it be before the ministry decides on further precautionary measures to protect the consumer? It is claimed that existing controls ensure the material is safe, but similar claims were being made about processed animal protein before July, 1988.

On grounds of consumer safety we need to return to a system which enables farmers to buy vegetable protein such as soya bean instead of their being forced by high import levies to turn to alternative (and unsafe) sources of animal feed.

Yours faithfully,
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January 19.

A church seduced?

From the Bishop of Repton

Sir, Many Anglicans will be grateful to John Witheridge (January 15) for his timely reminder of the contribution which F. D. Maurice, especially as interpreted by Michael Ramsey and Alec Vidler, can make to our thinking about the role of a national church within the State.

I wonder, however, whether he has failed to recognise adequately that it is not only the Church which has changed in the period of well over a century since Maurice's death. The nation and State also have changed enormously in that time. Not only have they undergone the process of radical secularisation, but they also now include large numbers of people of religious faiths other than the Christian one.

This means, among other things, that, however much the national (or any other) church may wish to propound and proclaim Maurician doctrines concerning the significance of "God" and "Christ" for the contemporary nation and State, we have to recognise that "God" and "Christ" are words that sound even more strangely in the ears of most of our contemporaries than they did in Maurice's lifetime.

This is not, of course, a reason for the churches to stop propounding and proclaiming such doctrines, least of all as we enter upon the "Decade of Evangelism" called for by the bishops of the Lambeth Conference two years ago.

On the contrary, the realisation that evangelism is not only much more necessary but also much more complex than it was a century and a half ago, may serve another useful purpose: it may warn us against the danger of watering down the eternal truths of the Gospel simply in order to avoid being called "sectarian".

Yours faithfully,
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January 15.

To memory dear

From Wing Commander R. Dauncey

Sir, Colin MacGregor's letter (January 16) about school fees must indeed amaze the present generation, which has become used to regular inflation. I am reminded that when I married in 1956, I bought a 17-year £1,000 with-profits endowment insurance with an option of drawing £200 per annum from years 13 to 17 to pay school fees, receiving the bonuses in the last year.

The £200 was calculated to pay the bulk of the expected annual fees of some £300 inclusive then prevailing at my old school, Taunton School (a doubling in 18 years). However, our first child was not born until 1963, so the options were never taken up and the policy matured in 1973 to produce just over £1,700. Unfortunately, that figure then equated to just one year's fees!

Yours faithfully,
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January 17.

Tunnel visions

From Mr Malcolm Buchanan

Sir, Sir Robert Reid's thoughtful speech, most of which was devoted to the achievement of efficient, market-led management of Britain's railways (report, January 9), has led to the usual calls for Government subsidies of everything from fares to new underground lines and the Channel tunnel high-speed link. The reasons advanced amount to little more than that this is what the French are doing.

We need not necessarily, however, slavishly copy the French. In the first place London's railways carry far more long distance, high-fare passengers than those of Paris and are therefore inherently more profitable. Secondly, public transport subsidy does not of itself solve traffic congestion problems.

As to the Channel tunnel high-speed link, there were and remain options which the private sector would fund. But it is clear that the private sector will not fund BR's plan to construct two extremely expensive terminals less than two miles apart in central London, 20 miles of tunnel and a sub-surface junction beneath London, and a third, car-oriented terminal at Swanley, none of which earn any *revenue from freight.*

To enable Britain's railways to build on the remarkable achievements of Sir Robert Reid, what now seems to be required is not renewed Government handouts, but a commercial and competitive framework which helps the railways to plan realistically and rewards them predictably and fairly, but not excessively, for any external benefits achieved.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr John Martin

Sir, Contrary to the impression that might have been given in your brief report (January 18) concerning the Channel tunnel high-speed rail link, Ove Arup have never proposed that the London terminal should be at Stratford *rather than* King's Cross. We maintain that terminals at King's Cross *and* Stratford are vital for an effective national rail system. Nor have we abandoned the project. It is not ours to abandon.

We do, however, believe that in the national interest of achieving the best passenger and freight service to Europe with the least disturbance to the environment there should be a thorough evaluation of alternative routes from the Channel tunnel to King's Cross to establish the best route to form the basis of a parliamentary Bill. In our opinion a worthwhile evaluation could be completed in sufficient time for a Bill to be lodged in November, 1990, as intended.

Our position, and our views, are unchanged.

Yours faithfully,
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Watchdog on health care

From the Director of the NHS Health Advisory Service

Sir, You report (January 12) pressure by the Royal College of Nursing for the establishment of a national network of independent inspectors to check on standards and quality of health care. In fact, such an organisation already exists, the NHS Health Advisory Service, albeit with a remit directed only to services for the elderly and for the mentally ill in hospital and in the community and, more recently, for problem drug users.

Our 1990-91 programme will comprise 52 review visits (ranging from two to three weeks) throughout England and Wales by *ad hoc* teams of senior, experienced, independent professionals (consultants and general, nursing, and remedial therapy managers, in the main seconded from the NHS, together with a social services inspector).

As well as appraising the management and quality of the services provided, the teams examine the working relationships betwen the health and local authorities and voluntary agencies. They talk to members of staff, general practitioners, voluntary workers, members of the community health council, individual patients and relatives, and any others who wish to contact them. A report to the secretary of state is made public about three months later.

This system of objective peer reviews safeguards the public interest. It constitutes, in my view, an essential complementary mechanism (costing only about £1 million a year) to the clinical audit and quality assurance systems operated locally and regionally. It could easily and relatively cheaply be extended to act as an independent external monitor of a wider range of service provision.

The White Paper, "Caring for People: Community Care in the Next Decade and Beyond", announced that the NHS Health Advisory Service is under review; I submit that it would be sensible to consider our being given the extended remit I have outlined.

Yours faithfully,
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Access to records

From Dr Anthony Bird

Sir, This inner-city practice has for 12 years encouraged its patients, who so choose, to read and enquire about the contents of their medical records (letters, January 12). These are routinely handed by the receptionists to people as they arrive in the waiting-room to see the doctor or nurse.

Thus patients are recognised as rightful co-custodians of information about themselves. A few exceptions are made, currently 12 in a total of 4,500, to protect particularly vulnerable individuals from possible harm.

This service is appreciated and widely utilized by patients, enhances trust and in my experience has been opposed only by some doctors and a minority of medical students who mistakenly assume that patient access to information on proceedings which they, the patients, have initiated somehow requires justification.

Perhaps the definitive answer to this overweening attitude came from the Pakistani woman who attended the surgery with her husband and, when personally handed her records by our interpreter-receptionist, said: "I can't read English but you make me feel *like a human being*". Patients should claim this right.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BIRD,
Balsall Heath Health Centre,
43 Edward Road,
Balsall Heath, Birmingham 12.
January 15.

Crisis in the Caucasus

From Dr Tamara Dragadze

Sir, I would respectfully ask the Reverend V. Nersessian (January 20) to carefully read my article (January 17) again. Throughout it I refer to Azerbaijani accounts of recent events, not mine, and I carefully attributed the references to "Armenian oppression" and the pursuit of "Greater Armenia" to a member of the New Moussavat Party and other national figures.

These references in no way reflect my own views. I wrote as an anthropologist, inclined to evaluate people's attitudes to political issues rather than the issues themselves. It would be irresponsible of me not to attempt to convey scrupulously impartial knowledge if this can contribute to peace and reconciliation.

Yours sincerely,
TAMARA DRAGADZE,
School of Oriental and African Studies,
University of London,
Malet Street, WC1.

Rival service?

From Mr E. F. Smith

Sir, The appointment card which my wife has just received from a Portsmouth hospital includes advertising material. One advertisement is for "K & K Body Repairs' – Crash Repair Specialists". Is this alternative medicine?

Yours truly,
E. F. SMITH,
Red House, 90 Drift Road,
Clanfield, Hampshire.
January 14.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 22: Sir Kenneth Scott had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the Honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 2: The Princess of Wales, Patron, English National Ballet, received Pamela, Lady Harlech and Mr Luke Rittner at Kensington Palace, W8.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, The Homeopathic Trust, was present today at a luncheon at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1, on the occasion of the launch of the Society's new logotype.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK
January 22: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy were entertained at luncheon by His Excellency the Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs Donald S Macdonald at 3 Grosvenor Square, London W1.

This evening, Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy were present at the Private View of the Annual International Exhibition of the Royal Photographic Society at Hamiltons Gallery, Carlos Place, London W1.

Today's royal engagement

Princess Margaret, as President of the Girl Guides Association, will give a reception at Kensington Palace for Queen's Guides at 5.00.

Bridge

The first weekend of the home countries bridge championship for the Camrose Cup took place at the Mill Hotel, Sudbury, where England played Northern Ireland, and in Aberdeen where Scotland played Wales.

After a poor start England made a fighting recovery to win by 46-43 victory points after a particularly exciting last five boards. Scotland, the holders, also made a shaky start being led by 13-17 victory points after 10 boards but finally winning by 52-38 victory points to lead

Standings: 1, Scotland 58, England 46, Northern Ireland 43, Wales 38. Teams: Scotland: D Frew and D Liggat, Dr R Bennett and L Steel, J Murdoch and C Outred, npc S Leckie. England: A Dyson and G Liggins, P Crouch and J Hobson, B Rigal and P Czerniewski, npc J Armstrong. Northern Ireland: R Anderson and M Rosenberg, G McKenzie and Dr H Campbell, K Singleton and R Burns, npc B McDowell. Wales: P D Jourdain and A Thomas, F Kurbalija and P Goodman, L Sheridan and M Baker, npc J Poole.

Luncheon

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor
Sir David Napley, Chairman of Council of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor, presided at a luncheon held yesterday in Long Acre after a council meeting. Among others present were:

Sir Colin Cole (Knight Principal and Garter Principal King of Arms), Sir Gilbert Inglefield (deputy Knight Principal), Sir Roger Falk (registrar), Sir Peter Lane (treasurer), Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Harvington, Sir Austin Bide, Sir Eric Cheadle, Sir Robert Crichton-Brown, Sir Alexander Durie, Sir Ronald Halstead, Sir Ian McFarlane, Sir Amar Maini, Sir Kenneth Newman, Sir Rex Niven, Sir Brian Rix and Mr Robert Eaden (clerk to the council).

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr K.R. Cooper, Chief Executive of the British Library, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Receptions

NAHA and the Society of FPCs
Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister of State for Health, was the principal guest at the joint annual reception of the National Association of Health Authorities and the Society of Family Practitioner Committees held yesterday at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. She was welcomed by Mrs Renee Myers, president of the society, and Mr Martyn Long, Chairman of the NAHA, also spoke.

UKCC
United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.
The Chairman of Council, Dame Audrey Emerton, was host at a reception held on the evening of January 18, 1990, at 23 Portland Place. The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, Secretary of State for Health was Principal Guest.

Byron Society
Lord Byron, President of the Byron Society, spoke on the history of the Byron Family at a reception given by the society at the Royal Institution last night.

Dinners

Gardeners' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a ladies' dinner given by the Gardeners' Company last night at the Mansion House. Mr G.H. Denney, Master, presided and the other speakers were Mr Alderman D.H.S. Howard, Upper Warden, the Lord Mayor and Major Edwina Coven. Others present included:

The South African Ambassador and Mrs Killen, the President and Director-General of the Royal Horticultural Society, the Deacon of the Incorporation of Gardeners of Glasgow and the Master of the Fruiterers' Company and their ladies.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster gave a dinner last night at City Hall in honour of the High Steward of Westminster Abbey and Lady Blake. Other guests included:

The Right Rev John Klyberg, Sir William and Lady Heseltine, the Hon Diana Makgill, General Sir Edward and Lady Burgess, Sir Alan and Lady Traill, Sir George Porter, OM, and Lady Porter, Mr and the Hon Mrs Charles Bromage and Mr James Gorman and Mrs Teresa Gorman, MP.

Cardiff Business Club
The Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Mrs Susan E. Williams, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Julius Hermer, Sir Cennydd Traherne, President, and Mr Brian K. Thomas, Chairman of Cardiff Business Club, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was Mr George Walker, Chairman and Chief Executive, The Brent Walker Group PLC. Mr John Lord, Managing Director, Cardiff World Trade Centre, presided.

Sir Anthony Barrowclough
Sir Anthony Barrowclough QC, was the guest of honour at a dinner given in the House of Commons last night by the Chairman, Sir Antony Buck QC, MP, and members of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration to mark his retirement from the post of Ombudsman.

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG

US Labor Secretary, Supreme Court judge and envoy at the UN

Arthur J. Goldberg, who died in Washington on January 19, aged 81, was a public servant of distinction, serving as President Kennedy's Secretary of Labor, as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court and as Ambassador to the United Nations from 1965 to 1968.

Goldberg had as a good a claim as anyone to be regarded as the archetypal American liberal Jewish leader in the generous Kennedy and Johnson years. His own life story confirmed, moreover, the American dream. He was the eighth son of poor Russian immigrants, born on Chicago's West Side, who was a errand boy delivering boots and shoes aged 12. But then, after a brilliant academic career, he became one of the country's most successful labour lawyers and went on to represent the United States at the highest level at times like Six-Day War in the Middle East and during the search for ways to end the Vietnam conflict.

His last spell of public service was as a roving Ambassador for President Carter between 1977 and 1978, during which time he was the chief American delegate at the Belgrade review conference under the Helsinki Agreement.

Arthur Joseph Goldberg was born August 8, 1908. Working his way to an education he managed to graduate top of his class in law from Northwestern University and was called to the Illinois Bar in 1929. He practised law in Chicago till 1948, except during the Second World War when he was an army major and served in the Office of Strategic Services.

In 1948 he was appointed general counsel both of the United Steelworkers of America and of the Council of Industrial Organisations, to which the Steelworkers belonged. As a labour negotiator Goldberg was superb. He played a leading part both in the negotiations which brought the reunion of the labour movement, when the American Federation of Labor and the CIO came together in 1955, and in the drafting of the rules against corruption which broke the communist hold on some key unions.

Goldberg excelled in devising formulae to take account of the interests of both sides in industrial disputes and his skill and equanimity once brought him a tribute even from senator Barry Goldwater who declared: "He is the only labor leader I could talk to without getting angry."

Such a background made him a natural choice as Secretary of Labor when Kennedy formed his cabinet. Goldberg did not, however, hold the post long, for in August 1962 he was appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. On the Supreme Court he was valuable and successful, tilting the balance towards what was known at the time as liberal activism.

Such a seat is usually the culmination of a career so it was a surprise when Goldberg reluctantly accepted at President Johnson's request to become United States representative to the United Nations, following Adlai Stevenson's sudden death in 1965.

While at the UN Goldberg was involved in the negotiations to end the Six-Day War and later helped significantly draft the famous Security Council Resolution 242 on the Middle East. He also had to deal with the Rhodesian crisis as well as with such perennials as the admission of communist China.

While enjoying Cabinet status and direct access to President Johnson, Goldberg sought for ways for America to get out of the Vietnam morass. Always a self confident man, Goldberg perhaps had originally believed his legendary industrial relations skills could be similarly effective in the international arena. But early in 1968 he resigned from his post, admitting Vietnam had been his "greatest frustration" at the UN. He had been disappointed at not being given a larger policy role, especially in negotiations with North Vietnam.

The resignation took him back to private life, but in October 1968 he took charge of Hubert Humphrey's presidential campaign in New York – one of the states which Humphrey in fact carried in that contest.

In April 1970 Goldberg was designated by the New York Democratic Committee to be their candidate for the Governorship. He faced one of the most formidable – and wealthiest – compaigners of all time in Nelson Rockefeller, who went on to become the first man ever to win a fourth term as governor of the state.

But Goldberg's own campaign showed a certain lack of zest and even of good sense. Though he won the endorsement of Mayor Lindsay, formally a Republican but at odds with Rockefeller, he could not win the endorsement of the New York trade union movement for which he had done so much in earlier years.

This switch, after the state labour leaders had three times previously backed the Democratic candidate was itself a clear sign of changed times. Perhaps in 1970 no one could have bridged the gap between the demands of New York City and those of the more conservative areas – among them industrial areas – in the rest of the state.

It was President Carter who recalled Goldberg to public service, with his chief assignment heading the United States delegation to the first review conference of the 1977 Helsinki European Security and Cooperation accords.

Goldberg was instrumental in putting put firmly at the head of the debates between the West and the Communist countries at the 35-nation gathering the question of human rights infractions, particularly of Soviet Jews, under Brezhnev. He clashed repeatedly with the Soviets.

WILLIAM WELLS

Fabian lawyer and reformer

William Wells, QC, who has died aged 81, began his political career as a Fabian Society researcher and managed to combine his work in the Commons as Labour MP for Walsall (1945-55) and Walsall North (1955-74) with distinguished service in the legal profession.

He was called to the Bar in the Middle Temple in 1932. He was Deputy Chairman of Hertfordshire Quarter Sessions from 1961 to 1971, Recorder of Kings Lynn from 1965 to 1971, and a Recorder of the Crown Court until 1980.

In the years after the Second World War it was the accepted custom in the Commons that barristers could follow two careers but Wells struck a careful balance and was diligent in serving his constituents' interests and in his work as Chairman and member of Commons committees.

William Thomas Wells was born on August 10, 1908, and educated at Lancing and Balliol College, Oxford. Joining the Fabians in 1930, he immersed himself in the work of the research department of which Clement Attlee was chairman and regularly attended the Fabian schools.

During the war he served in the Directorate of Military Training at the War Office with a rank of major.

In 1945 Wells won the Walsall seat from a National Liberal. For several years Wells was Chairman of the legal and judicial group of the Parliamentary Labour Party and was a long-time member of the Society of Labour Lawyers.

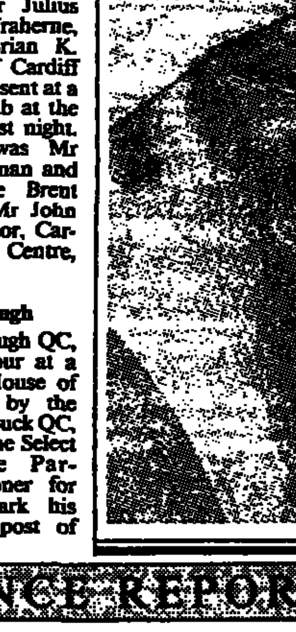
He was a member of the Lord Chancellor's Committee on Practice and Procedure in the Supreme Court (1947-1953), the Wolfenden Committee on homosexual offences and prostitution (1954-57), and a part-time chairman of industrial tribunals (1975-79).

Though from a family of High Anglicans, Wells became a Roman Catholic later in life. He was opposed to the legalization of abortion and, as Vice-Chairman of the Order of Christian Unity, he opposed the Law Commission's recommendation that the law of blasphemy should be abolished. He advocated that, in a multi-racial society as Britain had become the law should be widened to include all religious beliefs, not just the Christian faith. He argued that belief in God, and the practices of different communities should be protected in the same way as Anglican forms of Christianity.

Wells was author of *How English Law Works* (1947).

In 1936 he married Angela Noble and they had two sons and two daughters.

BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH



Osho Rajneesh, better known to the thousands of his one-time followers as the Bhagwan ("god") Shree Rajneesh, died in Poona, India, on January 19. He was 58.

The Bhagwan's influence as a *guru* was at its height in the Seventies, when his gospel of oriental-style "mind-broadening" spirituality combined with the comfortable doctrine of simultaneous sexual licence and an approval of wealth, had a wide appeal among those well-heeled enough to afford his fees.

Hippies of the affluent, upper-class sort; the rich-brat offspring of Hollywood producers; wealthy intellectuals or their over-indulged children flocked to Poona to sit at the feet of the Bhagwan, and partake in the love-ins of his "earthly Paradise."

Many who ought to have known better were prepared to be duped. Thus, mindless doctrines such as "public hugging to communicate warmth and love" took their place alongside mentally more rigorous-sounding (though in fact totally vacuous) versions of "contemplative release from self" – though the latter bore little relation to the Buddhist exercises they flirted with.

The paradisaical situation in Poona came to an end abruptly in 1981 when the Indian tax authorities began to show a disappointingly mundane concern in the Bhagwan's income from spiritual activity. Unabashed, he decamped to the United States where, in the state of Oregon, he set up a self-contained village called Rajneeshpuram.

Here, the same diet of mysticism, re-cycled (though somewhat time-worn) hippy philosophy and sexual orgies, was still able to attract its following, notwithstanding that the Bhagwan's personal wealth and accoutrements: a private jet; 90-odd Rolls Royces, a vast personal hoard of jewellery, might have alerted the faithful to the fact that the substantial fees they paid might not all be going to heaven on the wings of prayer.

Violent jealousies racked the community whose free-wheeling relationships were easier to cope with in theory than in practice. Additionally, the presence of armed guards and a helicopter escort for the *guru* on his "walkabouts" of his hastily-transplanted paradise suggested to the sceptical that all was not well.

But it took the arrival of Aids to put the sexual freedom in its proper context. From then on the Bhagwan counselled a rigorously disinfected, condomed and rubber-gloved approach to sexual activity.

Then the US authorities moved in with the same concerns which had been shown by their Indian counterparts several years before. A number of the followers of the Bhagwan were jailed. His principal aide, Ma Anand Sheela, went off to Europe, throwing over her shoulder the unspiritual valediction on her old chief: "To hell with the Bhagwan." He was then found guilty of illegal immigration, given a 10-year suspended jail sentence, paid a $400,000 fine and left America.

Back in India he dropped the godly Hindu title of Bhagwan, adopting the Buddhist appellation of Osho, though he continued to preach sermons and free sex to a new commune in Poona, outraging Indian religious feeling to the end.

SCIENCE REPORT

How to avoid wrinkling the peas

A British research team has now discovered the molecular basis of the first genetic trait ever to be investigated systematically, more than 125 years ago. Five researchers at the John Innes Institute in Norwich show that the reason some pea plants bear wrinkled peas (rather than round ones) is a defect in a gene that makes an enzyme involved in making starch.

This trait was one of the seven simple genetic traits of pea plants examined by the Augustinian monk Gregor Mendel, working in Brno (in what is now Czechoslovakia) in the mid-19th century. It was the first to be listed in his study on inheritance, published obscurely in 1865: rediscovered in 1901 by William Bateson, Mendel's study forms the bedrock of modern genetics.

In a series of breeding experiments involving hundreds of pea plants in the monastery garden, Mendel found that certain traits were passed down the generations in a simple manner, as if they were controlled by discrete entities: what we now call genes. This was a novel idea, because people then thought that parental traits became inextricably blended in the offspring, like eggs whisked together. "Blending" inheritance worried Darwin, because if true, it would abolish the necessary natural variation upon which depended his idea of evolution by natural selection: Darwin died in 1882, ignorant of Mendel's work.

Each of Mendel's genes had variants, two of which could be carried by any given pea plant. Sometimes one variant would "dominate" another, so that its effects would be seen in preference to that of another variant, were one of each present in the same plant.

Mendel supposed that the character that led to a round pea could be summarized as an entity called *R*. Plants with wrinkled peas would carry a variant, *r*. A plant could have one of three combinations, *RR*, *Rr* (the same as *rR*) and *rr*. Only *rr* plants would have wrinkled peas: because *R* dominates over *r*, the peas of *Rr* plants are round, not wrinkled.

Even though this idea worked, genes like *R* and *r* were no more than ideas to explain the observations: Mendel knew nothing about DNA or the physical basis of gene structure. In fact, DNA was only irrefutably shown to be the genetic material in 1944. But in the latest issue of *Cell* (vol 60, pp 115-122), the John Innes group show that there really is a distinct gene, that, when defective, leads to wrinkled peas rather than round ones.

This gene normally makes an enzyme called starch branching enzyme I (SBEI). This enzyme takes molecules of starch – long chains of sugar units joined together – and rearranges the chains into a branching pattern. This is just one part of the complex process of starch storage and metabolism. Without SBEI, the process is held up, and sugar accumulates in the young pea. This makes it taste very sweet, but also sucks in water by osmosis, swelling the embryonic tissue and straining the peas's outer coat. The pea then dries, the embryo shrinks and the outer coat collapses like a burst balloon, leading to the wrinkled appearance.

When the researchers had shown that the gene for pea shape and the gene for SBEI were one and the same, they set out to isolate the defect that led to wrinkled peas. They found that the mutant *r* variant of the gene contained an extra piece of DNA, absent from the healthy *R* variant. This fragment turned out to be very like a "jumping" gene, one of several genes that move about among the chromosomes, wreaking havoc as they go. Once upon a time, one of these genes had jumped into the SBEI gene, breaking it in two: the result – no SBEI, and wrinkled peas. Fortunately, one healthy SBEI gene can cover for a defective copy, which is why *Rr* peas are round, not wrinkled.

In today's laboratories, more genes are being examined in more detail than ever before, but to forge a link between modern biochemistry and classic genetics must be particularly satisfying.

Henry Gee

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Royal Navy: Dartmouth entrants

The following candidates were declared successful for entry to the Royal Navy and entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth on January 3 1990.

Direct graduate entry

Acting sub lieutenant (full career commission) seaman
Loader S M, King George V School, Hong Kong, University of East Anglia; Smith G N, Annan Academy, Dumfriesshire, Stirling University, Aberdeen University; Turner C J, Billericay School, South West Polytechnic; Wickenden A R, Alton College, Bristol Polytechnic; Shore T J, Burleigh Community College, Aberystwyth University; Moore M F, Abbey Tutorial College, London, Liverpool University; Veale M D, John Hampden Grammar School, High Wycombe, Brighton Polytechnic; Sparkes P J, St Mary's College, Merseyside, Birmingham Polytechnic.

Acting sub lieutenant (medium career commission) seaman
Hepworth A W D, Woodroffe School, Lyme Regis, University of Leeds.

Acting sub lieutenant (short career commission) seaman
Szemerenyi P N, Highgate School, London, St Mary's College, Twickenham; Knight P J O, Haberdashers' Aske, Oriel College, Oxford; Hamilton S W T, Thomas Muir High School, Glasgow University; Hawitt D G, Manchester Grammar, Manchester Polytechnic; Phillips K D, Llandeilo Comprehensive, University of Wales; Avis M A, Gordons VI Form, Rolle College of Higher Education; Cunningham J T, Sir John Deane's College, Liverpool University; Davis G W, Bristol Grammar School, Teesside Polytechnic; Garratt J K, Monkton Combe School, University College of Swansea; Fox J P, Framlingham College, Framlingham, Peterhouse, Cambridge; Ross K R, Loudoun Academy, Ayrshire, University of Strathclyde; Thomas D A, Forest Fields College, Nottingham, Reading University; Thomas G R, Llandrindod Wells High School, Oxford Polytechnic; Cornes J R, Newcastle-under-Lyme School, University of Bradford; Drezian M J; Hathaway S R, Bolton School, Bolton, Manchester Polytechnic; Herold J J, Chigwell School, Chigwell, University of Exeter; Ponsford P K, Haywards Heath College, Durham University.

Acting sub lieutenant (full career commission) engineer
Currie S M, Airdrie Academy, University of Strathclyde; Appelquist P, Alcester Grammar School, Loughborough University; Franks C S, Peter Symonds College, University of Keele; Jones D B, University College Cardiff, Cranfield Institute of Technology; Spark A R, Lutterworth Grammar School, Leicester, The City University, London.

Acting sub lieutenant (short career commission) engineer
Hayroe R D, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Heriot-Watt and Edinburgh University.

Acting sub lieutenant (full career commission) supply and secretariat
Powell M J, Ratcliffe College/Gateway VI Form, University of Surrey; Dodds N C, Wessex Tutorial College, Warwick University; Ferns T D, Wirral Grammar School for Boys, Coventry (Lanchester) Polytechnic.

Lieutenant (short career commission) instructor
Clarke T J, West Sussex Institute of Higher Education, University of East Anglia; Briggs S L, Thirsk Grammar and Secondary Modern School, University of Aston in Birmingham; Griffiths C J M, William Parker School, Birmingham University; Hall J S, Imperial College of Science and Technology, Nottingham University; Hutchinson A J, Aylesbury Grammar School, Cambridge College of Arts and Technology; Wootton T M, Leicester University, Polytechnic of Wolverhampton; Worthington J M F, Liverpool Polytechnic, Kings College, London; Swift I D, Derby College of Further Education, Sheffield Polytechnic; Rogers P M, High School of Dundee, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh; Skuce J L, Aberdeen Uni

Acting sub lieutenant (short career commission) instructor
Linderman I R, Rainhill High School, University of Liverpool, University of Manchester; Lammiman S A, Forest Fields College, Birmingham University; Leech R P, Dean Close School, Cheltenham, Kingston Polytechnic; Oliver G, University College, Swansea, Sheffield City Polytechnic.

University cadetship entry

Midshipman – seaman
Gill M H, Weymouth College, Dorset; Hardy C J, Radley College, Oxon; Lee S T, Sherborne School, Dorset; Moylan-Jones M, Woodroffe School, Dorset; Munson A H, Canford School, Dorset; Peppe A G, Bryanston School.

Midshipman – engineer
Block A W G, Monmouth School, South Wales; Calland P, Cottingham High School, North Humberside; Shields C D, Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College, Leicester; Smith I M, King Edward VI College, West Midlands.

Midshipman – supply and secretariat
Cowan C J, Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow; Marsh M J, Rydens School, Surrey.

Naval college entry

Midshipman (full career commission) seaman
Algren E G, Rossall Independent, Fleetwood; Brodie R W J, Robert Gordons College, University of Dundee; Brown S D, St Ambrose College, Altrincham; Garland D S, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; England M S, Merry Oak Boys School, Itchen College; Goldstone R S, Portsmouth Grammar School; Harper J C, Plymouth College; Hemmsell A M, Thomas Rotherham College; Hocking C B, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Howe J P, Bishop of Llandaff, Church in Wales School; Jukes M S, Edgecliffe County High; Lunn T R, Dame Allans Boys School, Newcastle; Mayley B D, Milton Abbey School; Millar S J, Loretto School, Aberdeen College of Commerce; Paice S D, The Hurst Community School; Parent S R, York University, Canada; Payne P J, Worcester Royal Grammar; Reeve C M C, Cranbrook School; Waterfield S J, Dunfermline High School; Braithwaite J S, Richmond Comprehensive.

Midshipman (short career commission) seaman
Addison N J, Suffolk Technical College; Allen R, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Allan-Jones C T, Roncalli College, New Zealand; Bell M A, Aboyne Academy, Aberdeenshire; Childs J R, Churchers College, Hants; Clarke P A, Filton Technical College, Bristol; De Salaberry-Lewis J H, Portsmouth Polytechnic; Dobson A B, Isle of Wight College of Art and Technology; Forman R R, Filton Technical College, Bristol; R P Goodbody; Gosling A D, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Haine J A, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Hall C S, The London College of Fashion; Hayes S G, Sutton Centre for Adult Education, Nottinghamshire; Hider J, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Hughes J G, Neston County High School VI Form, South Wirral; Mackay N C, Stranraer Academy; Moon D E, South East Derbyshire College; Muntz H A J, Surrey Tutorial College, Guildford; Pitt J M, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Penprase J M, St Austell VI Form College; Reid S, Coatbridge High School; Sandford T J, Strathclyde University; Sculthorpe S W, Maghull Deyes High School, Merseyside; Sherratt I C, Manchester Polytechnic; Simmonds W R, Hurstpierpoint College, West Sussex; Speirs S R, Reigate College, Surrey; Webb I F, North West Kent College of Technology, Dartford.

Midshipman (full career commission) engineer
Bradford J W G, Torquay Boys Grammar; Bonner N, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Colbeck T E, St Josephs College, Dumfries; Combe G R, Dunfermline High; Crane A L, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Cox D J, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Cummings D J, Cambridge Tutors College; Cunnane K J, King Edward VI Grammar; Davidson M, Dunblane High; Fuller M J, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Graham R, Stevenage College of Further Education; Hargreaves N L, Tynemouth VI Form College; Hawley S C, Henry Fanshawe; Kempster J R, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Linstern R D, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Mincher D J F, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Noakes K M, Wald Academy; Pitchford I C, St Mary's High, Blackpool; Plant N A, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Richardson D, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Robinson P R; Rose J, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Voyce J E, Plymouth College; Wynell-Sutherland P J, Hill College, Southampton.

Midshipman (medium career commission) engineer
Alala A R A, Command Military Secondary School, Lagos; Bonfort M R, Nene College, Northampton, Sheffield University; Campbell-Balcombe A A, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Easby S, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Jerram M P, Exeter High; Miles G J, University of Leeds; Mountain R M, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Proud A D, Royal Marines Upper Yardman; Roberts D, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Thirkettle J A, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Windsar P A, Royal Navy Upper Yardman.

Midshipman (full career commission) supply and secretariat
Nicholson K J, St Bees, Cumbria.

Midshipman (short career commission) supply and secretariat
Hart N L, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Hurndall D G, Balfour House and Vale College, St Athan.

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Direct graduate entry

Acting sub lieutenant (medium career commission) pilot
Gladston S A, The Angmering School, Chichester College of Technology, Bath University; Mathers R G, Monmouth School, Warwick University; Perry G A, Acleyne School, Stevenage, London University Imperial College; Tatum S W J, Oswestry School, Newcastle Polytechnic; Walker P J, Hermitage Academy, Glasgow College of Technology.

Acting sub lieutenant (short career commission) pilot
Duffy J B, Our Lady and St Bede Comprehensive, St Mary's VI Form College, Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London; Houston A, Clydebank High, Mark Rutherford Upper, City of London Polytechnic.

Navy College entry

Midshipman (medium career commission) pilot
Taylor R B, Forest School, Horsham, Crawley College of Technology; Webb S J, Sneyd School, Bloxwich, Midlands, Wulfrun College of Further Education, Stafford College of Further Education.

Midshipman (short career commission) pilot
Bennion P B, Middlecroft Comprehensive, Chesterfield School, Leicester Polytechnic; Chaloner C, Poynton County High, Bradford University; Downing I M, Berwick County High; Kirkham S P, Lingfield Middle, Oxted County, Reigate VI Form College; McDonald N, Douglas Academy; Moran B D, Oaklands, Bar Grammar, North East London Polytechnic; Oakes I J, Ilkley Grammar, Midhurst Grammar School; Shaw S C J, Uppingham School.

Direct graduate entry

Acting sub lieutenant (medium career commission) observer
Mansfield S C M, Bramcote Hills Comprehensive, People's College of Further Education, Central London Polytechnic.

Acting sub lieutenant (short career commission) observer
Etheridge R G, Thomas Mills High, Woodbridge, Imperial College of Science and Technology

Naval college entry

Midshipman (medium career commission) observer
Bailey M D, Coatcow High School, Norwich City College; Clarke D, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Farrow P A, Salesian School, Chertsey.

Midshipman (short career commission) observer
Brown S H, Royal Navy Upper Yardman; Fothergill J P, Wymondham College; Grasper D, Easington Comprehensive, Peterlee College; Hoare P J E, Slough Grammar, Upton Grammar School; Hudson C R, South Craven Comprehensive School, Keighley College, Bradford College; Maina G, Johnstone High, Springburn College, Slow College Glasgow.

Forthcoming marriages

Flt Lt M.B.Z. de Ferranti and Miss A.M. Lindsay
The engagement is announced between Flight Lieutenant Marcus de Ferranti, RAF, son of the late Mr Basil de Ferranti, MEP, and of Mrs Raymond Johnstone, of Wards, Gartocharn, Dunbartonshire, and Alexandra Mary, elder daughter of the Hon Thomas and Mrs Lindsay, of The Old Rectory, Ashmore, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Dr A. Reed and Mrs T.J. Macnab
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Dr and Mrs E.S. Reed, of Bridge End, Somerswey, Shalford, Surrey, and Julie Laura, eldest daughter of the late Hon Peter Hives and of the Hon Mrs Hives, of 47 Harmar Green Lane, Digswell, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.A. Cayley and Miss A.M. Young
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Captain and Mrs Peter Cayley, of Hindhead, Surrey, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Young, of St Catherine's, Ontario.

Mr P.R. Dawson and Miss A.L. Anstey
Paul Dawson and Dill Anstey, at present in Japan, are delighted to announce their engagement. Paul is the elder son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Dawson, of Eureka, California, and Dill (Arabella Louise) is the younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Anstey, of Platt Farm, Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr D.A. Kilshaw and Miss F.M. Beabey
The engagement is announced between David Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs I.H. Kilshaw, of Johannesburg, SA, and Fenella Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K.C. Beabey, of Prestbury, Cheshire.

Mr D.P. McCrystal and Miss A.E.S.C. Evans
The engagement is announced between Damien, son of Mr and Mrs Cal McCrystal, of Totteridge Lane, London N20, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Evans, of Manor House, Brompton-By-Sawdon, North Yorkshire.

Mr S.M. Robinson and Miss S.A. McKeag
The engagement is announced between Simon Martin, son of Mr and Mrs H.E. Robinson, of Warborough, Oxfordshire, and Susan Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. McKeag, of London, SW6.

Mr J.S. Vaux and Miss J.I.R. Atkins
The engagement is announced between James Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. Vaux, of Seaview, Isle of Wight, and Judith, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.W. Atkins, of Canterbury, Kent.

Mr J.J. de R. West and Mrs B.J.S. Davies-Pharr
The engagement is announced between John James de Rome, elder son of Mrs K. Wiatrowski, of Hampstead, London, and Barbara Josephine Sally, daughter of Mrs Frances Barbara Davies, of Perth, WA, and the late Evan Frank Davies.

Mr G.R. Wolfenden and Miss S.J. Nisbet-Smith
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs B. Wolfenden, of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, and Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr and Dr D. Nisbet-Smith, of Highgate, London.

Marriage

Lord Stevens of Ludgate and Mrs Meriza Giori
The marriage took place on January 20, quietly, in London, of Lord Stevens of Ludgate and Mrs Meriza Giori.

Sir Antony Part

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Antony Part GCB, MBE, will be held at noon on Thursday, February 22, 1990, in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Sir George Allen

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir George Allen will be held at noon on Monday, April 2, 1990, in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Those wishing to be present should apply for tickets, enclosing an sae, to The Secretary, MCC, Room 2, Lord's Cricket Ground, London NW8 8QN. Tickets will be posted on Monday, March 19, 1990.

Birthdays today

Mr A.M. Davis, rugby player, 48; Lord Denning, 91; Mr Ian Dudgeon, racehorse trainer, 45; Air Marshal Sir John Duxbury, 56; Mr Ion Garnett-Orme, former chairman, Brown Shipley Holdings, 80; Sir John Grenside, chartered accountant, 69; Sir Arthur Lewis, economist, 75; Sir James Lighthill, former provost, University College London, 66; His Honour J.F. Marnan, QC, 82; Miss Jeanne Moreau, actress, 62; Brigadier Kenneth Page, 92; Mr Bob Paisley, former football manager, 71; Mr A.M. Rankin, chairman, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, 55; Sir Kenneth Scott, Assistant Private Secretary to The Queen, 59; Lord Strathcarron, 66, Lord Sutherland, 58; Miss Joan Walley, MP, 41.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Stendhal, pseudonym of Marie Henri Beyle, novelist, *Grenoble, 1783*; Edouard Manet, painter, Paris, 1832; Subhas Chandra Bose, Indian nationalist, Cuttack, Orissa, 1897; Sergei Eisenstein, film director, Riga, Russia, 1898.

DEATHS: William Baffin, navigator, Persian Gulf, 1622; William Pitt the Younger, prime minister 1783-1801, 1804-06, London, 1806; John Field, composer, Moscow, 1837; Sir Francis Burdett, politician, London, 1844; Thomas Love Peacock, novelist, Lower Halliford, Middlesex, 1866; Julius Charles Hare, clergyman and scholar, Hurstmonceux, 1855; Charles Kingsley, writer, London, 1875; Gustave Doré, illustrator, Paris, 1883; *Anna Pavlova*, prima ballerina, The Hague, 1931; Edvard Munch, painter, Oslo, 1944; Pierre Bonnard, painter, Le Cannet, France, 1947; Sir Alexander Korda, film producer, London, 1956; Paul Robeson, Philadelphia, 1976.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

My salvation and honour depend on God: he is my strong protector: he is my shelter. Psalm 62 : 7

BIRTHS

AIREY - On January 13th, to Janet (née Bazley) and Ian, a daughter, Charlotte.

ALMEIDA - On January 19th, to Geoff and Anne (née Creegh), a daughter, a sister for Patrick.

BADENI - On January 21st, to Sarah (née Briggs) and Michael, a daughter, Amelia Sophie, a sister for Alexander.

BEELEY - On January 17th 1990, to Charlotta (née Paley) and Rupert, a son, Thomas Francis Townsend, a brother for Jemma.

BELLMAN - On January 21st 1990, at The Portland Hospital, London W1, to Sarah (née Coles) and Laurence, a son, Samuel Philip, a brother for Mark and Katie.

BOWEN - On November 23rd 1989, to Deborah (née Stronczak) and Gareth, a son, Christopher, a brother for Alexander and Rhys. Better late than never!

BUDGEN - On January 19th, to Lucy (née Mackintosh) and Henry, a daughter, Daisy Lucretia.

CARR-GREGG - On December 20th 1989, to Susan and John, in Sydney, Australia, David John, a brother for Gordon.

GILMOUR - On January 19th 1990, to Nicky and Ewen, a daughter.

GUNN - On January 15th 1990, to Jane (née Worsfold) and Robert, a daughter, Rebecca Livingston, a sister for Victoria.

GWATKIN - On January 20th, to Rosie (née Seth-Smith) and Peter, a daughter, Hannah, a sister for Amy, Freddie and Martha.

KERR-DINEEN - On January 18th 1990, to Sarah (née Lyne) and Anthony, a son, William-Timothy, a brother for Georgia.

PORTER - On January 18th 1990, to Anne (née O'Connor), wife of Sam, a daughter, Aoibheann Jane, at 6lbs 3oz.

RICHARDS - On Saturday January 20th, to Suzanne and Colin, a son, Sebastian James de Courcy, a brother for James.

RIDLER - On January 19th, in Johannesburg, to Jean (née Toms) and David, a son.

ROCHEZ - On January 4th 1990, to Hazel and Nicholas Rochez, a son, Guy Dutfield Rochez, a brother to Charlotte and Harry.

SANDARS - On January 16th 1990, to Rosemary (née Yolland) and George, a daughter.

WARBURG - On January 18th 1990, to Penny and Bill, a daughter, Isobel.

WHEELER-CARMICHAEL - On January 18th 1990, to Marianne and George, a son, James.

WOOTTON - On January 20th, to Sarah (née Sole) and John, a son, Henry John, a brother for Oliver.

MARRIAGES

SHORT:HEY - The marriage took place on January 20th at St Peter's Church, Pavenham, Bedfordshire, between Tony Short, of Wimbledon and Joan Hey (née Lesford), of Pavenham.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

NAGLE - Marion. Thank you for 25 wonderful years, lots of love from your tennis partner.

DEATHS

ANSLOW - On January 21st 1990, peacefully at home, Marjorie Ada Susan, adored wife of the late Cecil Anslow, mother of David and Robin, grandmother of Georgina, Benjamin, Alexander and Louisa and mother-in-law of Penny and Angela. Funeral Service Monday January 29th at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 11 am. Flowers if desired to F.W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey or donations to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

ARKWRIGHT - On January 19th, Rose Elgiva, aged 4½ months, sister to Lucy and Jack and so very much loved daughter of Alice and Johnnie. No flowers or letters please.

AWDRY - On January 20th 1990, peacefully at home, Jocelyn, beloved wife of Richard, devoted mother of Amanda, Julian, William and Emma and very loving grandmother. Funeral Service at Hughenden Parish Church, High Wycombe, Friday January 26th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Westminster Hospital Melanoma Research Fund Appeal, London SW1.

BALLS - On January 19th, at the Northwest Memorial Hospital, Houston, Texas, Basil William Balls B.Sc., aged 70 years, peacefully in his sleep after a long illness. No flowers by request. All donations to Basil Balls Memorial Fund, c/o 10595 West Office Drive, Houston, 77092, Texas.

BATTY - On Saturday January 20th, at his home in Everton, Sandy, Beds., William Alan, much loved husband of Edith and father of Michael and Anne, after a long illness most patiently and courageously borne. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Everton, 11 am Saturday January 27th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to either the Church Treasurer, Everton Park, Sandy, Beds., or Mr R. Brotherton, Silver Birch, Fell Lane, Penrith, Cumbria, to be divided between Cancer Research and The Church Urban Fund.

BENNETT - On January 22nd 1990, Audrey (Tommie), beloved wife of Michael, mother of Judy and Clare, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation, followed by Service of Thanksgiving 3 pm Thursday January 25th, St James', Paddington, Sussex Gardens, W2. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Age Concern, 16 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 3LL.

BERKS - January 19th, Peter, beloved husband of Jenny, devoted father of Susan, David, Hazel and the late baby Sally, dearest grandpa of Peter and Charlotte and much loved father-in-law of Kevin and Barbara, beloved son of Dorothy and the late Thomas, close friend and brother of Michael and much loved brother-in-law of Jan. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Speldhurst, on Friday February 2nd at 1.45 pm. Flowers, or donations to Cancer Research to E.R. Hickmott & Son, tel: (0892) 22462.

BERRY - On January 19th, peacefully after a short illness, Thomas Edward (Tom), aged 74. Much loved husband of Celia and father of Pippa. A kind and gentle man who will be deeply missed. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood, at noon on Friday January 26th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only; donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 44 Lincolns Inn Fields, WC2, or the Bristol Cancer Help Centre, Cornwallis Grove, Clifton, Bristol.

CHARRINGTON - On January 20th 1990, peacefully at home, Vine House, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, Norman Douglas Charrington, Major retired, late of The 10th Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own). Beloved husband of Mignon and brother of Rosemary. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton, on Wednesday January 31st at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Royal Hussars Benevolent Fund may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset. tel: (0747) 822494.

CHETWYND - On January 18th 1990, peacefully at home, Richard Walter, beloved husband of Judy and devoted father of Katharine, Sarah and Mark. Private family funeral with Memorial Service later. Donations to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Barclays Gosling, Sort Code 20-32-20, Account No. 91102370.

CLEAVE - On Saturday January 20th, peacefully in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, after a short illness, Peggy Elizabeth Wingate. Loving and beloved Wife of Hugh and much loved Mother of Noel and Hilary and beloved Nonna to Harriet, Hugh, Hope, Melanie and Nicholas. Private cremation. Family only. No flowers.

COLLING - On January 18th 1990, Keith, aged 61 years suddenly after a short illness bravely borne. Dear husband of Pip and dear father of Chris, Nick and Jane. Father-in-law of Shirley, Annika and friend of Geoff. Service and cremation at Robin Hood Crematorium, Solihull, on Monday January 29th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research or Warren Pearl House, c/o Thomas Bragg & Sons, 562 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands, B90 4AY.

DAVIS - On Saturday January 20th 1990, Althea, aged 96, peacefully in her sleep, mother of Tim and Ursula. Requiem Mass at Worth Abbey on Thursday January 25th at 10 am. R.I.P. No flowers but donations to Manor Gardens Centre, Holloway Road, London N7.

DAVIES - On January 18th 1990, Eleanor Gladys (née Best), formerly Eleanor Gladys Livingstone of Llantwit Major, Lytham St Annes, and Dorking. Funeral Service will take place at St Illtuds Parish Church, Llantwit Major, on Thursday January 25th at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Mid-Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch, Bridgend. Flowers may be sent to W.A. Brown & Son, Pembroke House, College Street, Llantwit Major. (04465) 2489.

DRAKE - On January 18th, after an illness bravely borne, Joyce Mary, beloved wife of Jack, dear mother of Elizabeth and Richard and loving grandmother. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Fernhurst, on Tuesday January 30th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to St Margaret's Church, Fernhurst, or to The W. Sussex MacMillan Service, c/o King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, W. Sussex, GU29 0BL.

ELTON - On January 17th, suddenly, Paul, beloved husband of Claire, father of Vicky, Nicholas and Jackie, brother of Tom and grandfather of Kate and Matthew. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday January 25th at 11 am. Flowers to Leverton and Sons, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1, by 9.30 am.

FARMER - On January 21st, suddenly at home, Patricia Farmer, wife of the late John, dearly loved mother of Patrick and Timothy and loving grandmother of James, Rupert, Selena, Anna and Louisa. Family cremation on January 25th. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Frensham, on Tuesday January 30th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, may be sent to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, Surrey.

FOGG - On January 17th, peacefully at the Nuffield Hospital, Lancaster, Joan, widow of Lawrence, of Long Howe, Underbarrow, and formerly of Biawith. Dear mother of Fidelia and much loved granny and great granny. The Funeral has taken place privately at her request.

FRAY - On January 20th 1990, peacefully at a nursing home in Bournemouth, Herbert George Goodfellow, aged 88, formerly of Florida, beloved husband of Alicia. Funeral Thursday January 25th, 10.45 am, at Wimborne Road Cemetery. Enquiries and flowers to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

GRIFFITH - On Saturday January 20th, peacefully at Little Hallingbury Park, Essex, Edward Noel, aged 93 years. Loving father of Madeleine Barraclough and stepfather of the late Reay Parkinson. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Little Hallingbury, on Friday January 26th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Bishop Stortford by 9.30 am or donations at the church for Royal British Legion.

HADWEN - On January 21st, peacefully at her home in Brockham, Monica. Funeral Service on Thursday January 25th at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 4.30 pm. Donations for The Worldwide Fund for Nature may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

HAGELL - On January 19th 1990, suddenly, Ralph Edward Jefferys. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick, 2 pm on Monday January 29th. Enquiries to W.S. Bond (Funeral Directors), tel: 01-994 0277.

HEATH - On January 20th, peacefully in her 91st year, Joan Mary (née Mott), wife of the late Rex Heath of Reigate. Dear mother of Peggy, Michael, Pam, Christine and loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Nutfield, Friday January 26th 1990 at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations would be appreciated by The Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey.

HICKS - On January 19th, peacefully at Torbay Hospital, Cecil E. Hicks, aged 83, former Manager of Lloyds Bank. The dearly loved husband of May and loving father of David, Penny and their families. Funeral Service at Palace Avenue, Methodist Church, on Monday January 29th at 1.30 pm prior to interment at Tavistock.

HORTON - On January 20th, suddenly whilst on holiday in Kenya, Robert Dennis. Devoted husband of Ruth, father of Caroline and Robert. Cremation in Nairobi, date of Thanksgiving Service at Broad Hinton to be announced later. Donations to British Heart Foundation and The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute.

HOUGHTON - On January 20th, at Fletcher Hospital, Cromer, Norfolk, Charles Ernest Houghton, formerly of the London Stock Exchange. Beloved husband of Irene, dear father of Charles, Trudi and David and a loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Horsham St Faith, Norwich, Norfolk, on Monday January 29th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for Alzheimer's Disease Society, to Lloyds Bank, 31 Church Street, Cromer, Norfolk, NR27 9ES.

KAYE - On January 20th, Brigadier James William (George), late Royal Artillery, peacefully at Keswick Hospital, aged 91 years. Husband of the late Joyce Helder Kaye, formerly of Millbeck Towers, near Keswick. Funeral Service on Friday January 26th at 2 pm at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick. No flowers, but donations if wished to The Royal Artillery Charitable Fund, c/o Barclays Bank, Keswick, Cumbria.

KILDUFF - On December 16th 1989, Patrick John Kilduff M.S.M., M.B.E., aged 80 years. Late of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and The Royal Irish Fusiliers. Brother of Michael and Matthew. Funeral has taken place.

LLOYD DAVIES - On January 19th, peacefully at his home, The Old Bakery, Elmdon, Saffron Walden. Ada, beloved companion and colleague of Trevor and Margaret for over fifteen years. A splendid little person.

MARPLES - On January 18th 1990, Stephen Frederick, at his home in Prestwich, Manchester. The dearly loved son of Hilda and the late Ronald Llewellyn and loving father of Jonathan. Enquiries to Lilleywhite Funeral Service, tel: (061) 773 2749.

MORLEY - On January 20th 1990, Brigadier Michael F. Morley M.B.E., beloved father of David, Jonathan, Susan and Miranda. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary the Virgin, Chieveley, Newbury, Berkshire, on Friday January 26th at 10.30 am. No flowers. Donations to The Royal Hussars Benevolent Fund at Lower Barracks, Winchester, Hampshire.

MUXLOW - On January 19th, Peggy, loving and beloved wife and mother to Cedric (Ted), Ruth and Judith. She radiated warmth and friendship to so many. Service at St Mark's Church, Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells, at 2.15 pm on Wednesday January 31st, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to C.A.R.E., Ide Hill, Sevenoaks or St Michael's Hospice, St Leonards-on-Sea.

NORTHCOTE-GREEN - On January 19th, peacefully at home, Roger, adored husband and companion of Joan, devoted father of David, Christopher, Simon and Rosamund. Funeral, family only. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life at St George's, Bicknoller, at 2 pm on Saturday January 27th. A Memorial Service to be held at Worksop College at a later date. Donations if desired for Cancer Relief, c/o F.H. Willicombe & Sons, Williton.

O'REILLY - On January 21st 1990, peacefully at Fisherton, Christabel Anne Lorraine, in her eighty ninth year, devoted widow since 1944 of Colonel K.W.R. O'Reilly M.C., and much loved by their children Miles, Roseanne and Derek and their families. Requiem Mass at the Church of All Saints, Wardour, on Monday January 29th at 11.30 am, followed by private burial. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Community Care, Codford Surgery, near Warminster.

PLATTEN - On January 20th, aged 80 years, Joan, dearly beloved wife of Cyril, mother of Jeremy and Harriet, grandmother of Sophie and Andrew. Funeral at St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood, Herts., Tuesday January 30th at noon, followed by cremation at Marylebone Crematorium. Enquiries to J.A. Clark, 103 Wood Street, Barnet, tel: 01-449 3578.

POWELL - On January 19th 1990, peacefully at a nursing home in Bournemouth, Eileen, much loved by all who knew her. Funeral Monday January 29th 12.15 pm at Bournemouth Crematorium. Flowers, if desired, may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

ROBINSON - On January 18th 1990, Olive, of Minton, Shropshire. Beloved wife of Michael and mother of Ralph, Georgina, Riou and Barbara, in her 93rd year. Service of Thanksgiving at 2 pm on Wednesday January 31st at Cwm Head Church, near Church Stretton.

SHIRLEY - On January 21st, peacefully at home, Ellen Isabel Lucy (Lally), aged 94. Beloved wife of the late Frederick William Shirley M.B.E., formerly of Minia, Upper Egypt and mother of Valerie. Private funeral. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Kintbury, on February 21st at 2 pm. Donations if desired to St Mary's Church.

SOUTHALL - On Friday January 19th, Rosalie Mary, suddenly, aged 85. Widow of Judge Thomas Southall, loved mother of Richard and Caroline. Funeral: St James's, Nayland, Thursday January 25th at 12 noon. No flowers, please: donations to St Helena Hospice, Colchester.

SUGDEN - On January 21st, peacefully in Windward Nursing Home, near Dartmouth, Mark, aged 87, four weeks after his beloved wife Margaret. Greatly loved and respected father of Peter (deceased) and Michael, grandfather of Joanna, Mark, Jonathan, Clare, Michael, Nicola and Edward and great grandfather of Alex, Oliver, Tersoo, Ben and Katherine. The Funeral will take place privately. Details of a Memorial Service will be announced later.

THOMAS - On January 21st 1990, at home, Kilmacolm, Sir Patrick Muirhead Thomas, D.S.O., T.D., M.A., LL.D., beloved husband of the late Mary and a much loved father and grandfather. Reception of remains and Requiem Eucharist at 7 pm on Wednesday January 24th at St Fillan's Church, Moss Road, Kilmacolm, to which all are welcome. Funeral Service on Thursday January 25th at 11.30 am, followed by a private family cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Erskine Hospital, Erskine.

TIDNAM - On January 19th 1990, in Dulwich Hospital, Sydney William, Fellow of King's College London. Very dear husband of Winifred. Funeral January 29th, 2 pm at Norwood Cemetery. Family flowers only please.

WELCH - On January 19th 1990, peacefully in hospital, Taylor, aged 39 years. For funeral arrangements please tel: 01-351 5324 or 01-351 5100. Donations if desired to Thomas McCauley Ward, Westminster Hospital, SW1.

WHEELER - On January 21st, suddenly at his home, Leslie James Frederick Wheeler C.B.E., of Wootton, Isle of Wight, aged 65 years. Darling husband of Anne, father of Lesley, Vivienne and Libby, grandfather of Gemma and Stephanie. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Wootton, on Friday January 26th at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to either British Heart Foundation or R.N.L.I., c/o H.V. Taylor & Son Ltd., 46 Green Street Ryde, Isle of Wight.

WILLIAMS - On January 19th 1990, in Guernsey, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Florence, dearly loved wife of Ian, mother of Sian, grandmother of Rebecca, Matthew and Eleanor. Funeral Service at St Martin's Parish Church, Guernsey, on Thursday January 25th at 2 pm, followed by interment at Le Foulon Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the church or, if preferred, donations to Community Nurses Amenities Fund, Lukis House, The Grange, St Peter Port, Guernsey.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PAVLOVA - Anna. Annual Memorial Service on January 23rd at 6.30 pm at Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Ennismore Gardens, SW7. All welcome.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

HODSON - On January 23rd 1942, Hubert Blake (Hugh), Killed in action in Libya. Dearly remembered by Garth.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

CHALMERS - Jock, January 22nd 1988. In loving memory.

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SAMUEL - In loving memory of my late husband Dr. Henry Samuel of Theale, Berks., on this the 16th anniversary of his death. Lee.

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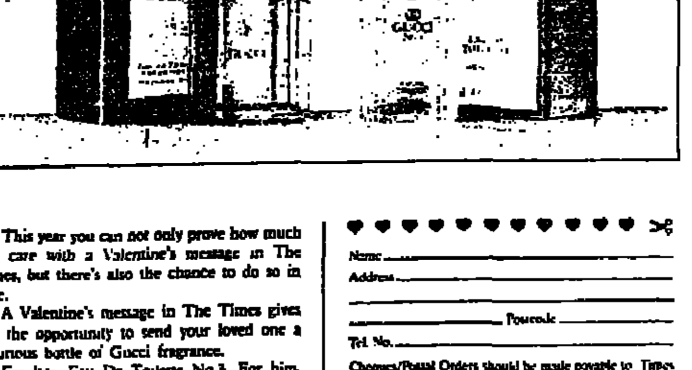

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***Send for the Sisters*, last night's *World in Action* (ITV) on female footballers, was as chilling as the average Saturday invasion of the pitch. At the start of a year which will see the introduction of identity cards for spectators and the quarantining of our World Cup squad on Sardinia, the programme asked why it was that, while Norway has 44,000 female footballers, and the USA something like three million, we still have fewer than 7,000.**

The answer was all too evident from the interviews with ritual football chauvinists. One of them noted that male violence was what made the adrenalin pump, while another feared that his cursing and blaspheming from the grandstand might have to be drastically curtailed if a woman were discovered standing next to him, let alone on the pitch.

There was a bleakly funny interview with a Football League secretary, who could see not a lot wrong with having a boardroom from which women were denied access, even if they were involved with the game. The programme found evidence of a widespread masculine terror that allowing females near a pitch would lead to general castration and probably a severe loss of hair.

So long as soccer-watching is maintained in this country as a punishment rather than a pleasure, we are unlikely to arrive at the happy-family state of Italy. There, so far from being a male ghetto for butch thugs, the game is dominated by glamorous female goalkeepers who have also become media stars.

Meanwhile, up in the comparative tranquility of the Pennines, something seems to have gone a bit adrift with Wainwright and Robson on their marathon *Coast to Coast Walk* for BBC 2. Last night they were heading from Shap Abbey to Keld, but already Wainwright has started to mutter wistfully about the happiness of the solitary walker.

If you must have a friend, he said, looking sharply at Eric Robson, choose one who is quiet. But the great thing about Robson is that he scarcely ever draws breath at all. He feels obliged to state even such evident truths as that he is going off down this little path here, to examine a nearby village, thereby graciously allowing Wainwright a solitary pull on his pipe.

As the walking series progresses in its own, dare I say pedestrian, way, I am acquiring a deep devotion to the two of them, especially at their most sharply contrasted. Wainwright is like some great woolly sheepdog, with Robson forever barking terrier-like at his heels. Around the corner of every mountain or lake I keep expecting them to meet Wordsworth himself, or at the very least a person from Porlock. This week all they managed was the local county archaeologist; but I still live in hope.

Total revolution at the Tate

Nicholas Serota, Director of the Tate Gallery, has completed a re-hanging of the entire collection. We asked Norman Rosenthal, Exhibitions Secretary at the Royal Academy, to cast a professional eye over the refurbished and rearranged displays, which will go on show to the public from this Thursday

Until he became Director of the Tate Gallery 16 months ago, Nicholas Serota was director of the Whitechapel Gallery. It was the only institution that regularly showed, over 10 years or so, contemporary art as it is understood in Western Europe and the United States. Since joining the Tate, he has effected a change so radical, and at the same time so life-enhancing, that not only will the *institution never be the same again*, but it may even affect the morale, ambition and most importantly, the look of museums throughout this country and – dare one suggest it – abroad as well.

There is a great deal of talk, much of it justified, about the appalling state of our museums: their old-fashioned infrastructure, problems of conservation, lack of funds, difficulty in purchasing new works of art, and whether or not to charge for admission. Grand, sometimes grandiose building schemes are devised, and some of *them – the Burrell Collection in Glasgow*, the Imperial War Museum in London, for example – are quite successful.

But then so many institutions, having made an enormous effort, too easily rest on their laurels, and gradually become musty again. What Serota demonstrates is that a museum need not be a static institution; rather, it ought to respond to change so that each visit contains a strong element of surprise.

The Tate Gallery over the last decade, in spite of excellent moments, usually in the form of temporary exhibitions, had be*come a dull place to visit. The galleries* were ugly, full of works of art presented mostly in an undifferentiated way. It had become a collection to visit dutifully once in a lifetime.

Certainly, the previous director, Sir Alan Bowness, could point to significant *achievements, most notably the building* of the Clore Gallery, which houses the Tate's greatest single asset, the Turner Bequest. He initiated major building projects costing over £50 million. Some important exhibitions, took place: Douglas Cooper's *The Essential Cubism* above *all, but also The Pre-Raphaelites, and the* retrospective of Salvador Dali. Yet the collection itself remained a place for a handful of specialists and history of art students, while the general public trailed through the galleries, barely looking at the pictures.

For the past few weeks, the Tate has been largely closed to the public. In that time, a total transformation has taken place. The museum has been stripped of false walls, to create a grand central axis perfect for showing great works of sculpture, from Rodin's "The Kiss", to outstanding modern works by, amongst *others, Richard Long, Richard Deacon,* Mario Merz and Ulrich Ruckriem. This walk through the Duveen Gallery makes an extraordinary promenade, demonstrating well the manifesto of the new presentation, **Past Present Future.**

At the far end of the Duveen Gallery, the visitor is asked to turn left and enter those galleries hung, for as long as I can remember, with those gloomy Late-Victorian paintings and Sargent's society portraits. (Some of these are now beautifully shown elsewhere in the museum.) Now a selection of Elizabethan and Jacobean paintings is displayed with great *dignity*. The paintings are not there for the purpose of academic reference. They are being presented to us as autonomous, beautiful works of art.

A painting or sculpture, as anyone who has presented an exhibition knows, is a fragile object. Its meaning and visibility can be destroyed by *its context. The colour* of the wall matters, as does the shape, the size, the feeling of the gallery, the lighting, even the state of the floors. Serota has attended to all these aspects, and the Tate is revealed as one of the most beautiful buildings for art in the world. After all, if temporary exhibitions, whether at the Royal Academy, the Tate Gallery or the Whitechapel, can be given this treatment, why should this not be done with a permanent collection?

The new arrangement dispels the idea that the Tate is a minor collection of 20th-century art. There are so many wonderful works *that look their best in this* presentation.

For instance, has Stanley Spencer ever looked so marvellous? For years his masterpiece, "The Resurrection", hung next to the public conveniences or over the stairs, as though it were an embarrassment to the collection. Now it is in the centre of a gallery that reveals Spencer as a great artist, far more clearly, because more selectively, than at the Royal Academy retrospective in 1980.

Foreign visitors may well be amazed at the masterpieces of Vorticism and the Bloomsbury School that the Tate has owned for years *but never* displayed properly; they now look as if they might well be major masterpieces of European art. The great Rothko cycle is presented as a sacred room, and not in a passage as before. It now is a place where one might *indeed* wish to meditate about space and its relationship to existence.

Serota has turned the strange constitution of the Tate, as both the National Collection of British Art from the 16th century onwards, and also the National Collection of 20th-century art, to real advantage. Indeed, he has emphasized it provocatively. The view from Alan Ramsay's fine painting of "Baron Mansel and his Family" (1742) through a succession of great rooms, to Mondrian's "Composition in Red, Yellow, and Blue" (1942) is quite extraordinary.

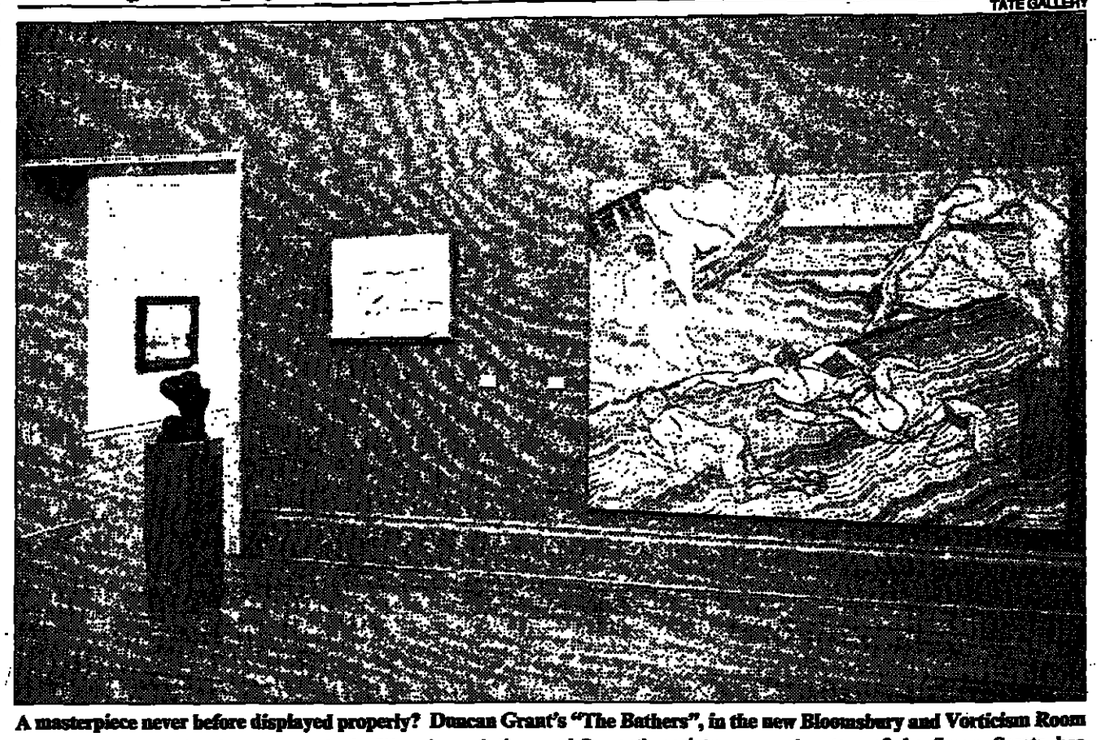
It is a totally justified provocation. Those who only look at 18th or 19th-century paintings will, if their minds are at least a little bit open, gain much from this confrontation with the 20th century.

Many aspects of the Tate's collection have been omitted from the hang. There are no works by Sickert and the Camden *Town School*, nor are there any works by the artists of Pop Art, although in a few months, the works on exhibition will be changed. There are new acquisitions on display, notably one of two new monumental paintings by Lucian Freud, which is shown with other works by Freud as well as those of Kossoff, Auerbach and Kitaj.

A few loans have also been sought, for instance a splendid painting by Cy Twombly, borrowed from the Saatchi Collection, is placed with two other important acquisitions by Brice Marden and Anselm Kiefer, as well as three vitrines by Joseph Beuys – still-lives as poignant as any still-life by Morandi.

Serota's new hang has created the most *fascinating parallels in the art of yesterday,* today and tomorrow. I am glad that he is now director of the Tate.

TATE GALLERY



A masterpiece never before displayed properly? Duncan Grant's "The Bathers", in the new Bloomsbury and Vorticism Room

Soloist puts ensemble in shade

CONCERTS
Stephen Pettitt

LCP/Norrington
Queen Elizabeth Hall

With the greatest respect to them, forget for the moment the London Classical Players. By far the most important thing about this concert was Steven Isserlis's performance of the Schumann Cello Concerto. Playing an instrument fitted with a conventional spike, but also, I think, with gut strings, he gave the most convincing reading I have heard of this often elusive piece.

His manner is deeply expressive, but he prefers to indulge the emotional ebbs and flows of the music rather than any inflated ego. More than that, however enraptured he may have been, there was always an underlying consistency of pulse that one misses in so many performances by other eminent cellists.

Schumann, he seemed to be telling us, needs no inflating in order to be played well. All he needs is to be absorbed and reproduced. Isserlis's visual expressions betrayed just as much as his playing the fact that he was transported by this music.

Whether in the determination of the first movement, the unbridled joy of the finale, or the profound, poised tristesse of the slow movement, every sound was totally controlled yet also somehow spontaneous. The variety of his tone colours was immense, his technical security, even high in the register, well nigh absolute.

It was thus a pity that Roger Norrington was not always able to accompany him with the precision he deserved: a pity, but no disaster, since Schumann himself thought of the orchestral role as fairly subservient.

As for the rest of the concert, part of the LCP's "Schumann and Rossini" series, we heard the statutory two Rossini overtures. That for *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* was graced by some well controlled natural horn playing, though *L'Italiana in Algeri* was marred by too many rough edges in the woodwind section.

Both pieces could have been given with considerably more sparkle. So familiar has Norrington's once-revolutionary approach become that it is possible now to recognize even his workaday performances. There was little that was arresting in the first movement and the outer sections of the Scherzo in Schubert's Sixth Symphony, though compensation was provided by a pleasingly curt, rustic slow movement and by a delicious opposition of the mercurial and the earthy in the finale.

Mixed fortunes in an expressive programme

CONCERT
Noël Goodwin

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Barbican Hall

As a mentor for Prokofiev, Michael Tilson Thomas was broadly expansive when he led the London Symphony Orchestra through the Fifth Symphony in Sunday's programme, which was also broadcast *on Radio 3. He personifies the* "bodymap" school of conducting, his continuous weaving and bobbing back view, plus the occasional profile, seemingly concerned to suggest what he thinks the audience should be feeling.

***This was perhaps less distract*ing to the sound of Prokofiev than it was in Mozart's "Haffner" Symphony at the start of the programme. Here most of his effort was expended on the first and last movements, which could almost be left to play themselves with an orchestra like this, whereas the two middle movements, for want of more control, became meandering and overblown respectively.**

Prokofiev's professed concern with "the grandeur of the human spirit" in his Fifth Symphony began to emerge through the luxuriant line and self-assured sonorities of the opening movement, and its melodic repetition and variation, though at the tempo chosen *the climax was more suggestive of* bathos than grandeur.

Associations with the *Cinderella* ballet which Prokofiev had then just finished were more the comedy of the stepsisters than the lyricism of the heroine. There was busy vitality but little enough charm in the sardonic scherzo, and a laboured tension in the Adagio, a *movement that seemed to lose* sight of its musical destination shortly before it gave way to the hectic finale.

Between these symphonies the conductor continued his self-appointed mission to broaden our acquaintance with musical America. Even so, the orchestral displacement needed for Leonard Bernstein's *Prelude, Fugue and Riffs*, with saxophonists and drum-kit added to Andrew Marriner's clarinet and the LSO brass in passable "big band" imitation of the Woody Herman Herd for which it was first intended, was little justified by the music's contrivance.

Constrained, or possibly redeemed, by the time-limits of 78rpm records, this early specimen of "crossover" music is fossilized in a predetermined emotional response, whereas Aaron Copland's *Quiet City*, a whole decade older, still opens up a listener's imagination to evocative musical poetry. Christine Pendrill (cor anglais) and Maurice Murphy (trumpet) touched in their lonely solos with poignant bravado, *reflecting the contrast of individ*ual timbres with that of the strings in the evening's most satisfying performance.

Ingenious tale of decline and fall

THEATRE
Jeremy Kingston

Streetwalker
Bush Theatre

A harlot's life was never a happy one. "The Harlot's Progress", Hogarth's series of six engravings, and the inspiration for this 90-minute musical, begins with her arrival in London, a trusting Yorkshire lass, innocent as a lamb.

A rake eyes her from a doorway; *a treacherous old bawd offers* protection. Soon she is installed as the young mistress of a Jewish merchant – possibly the earliest representation of a contemporary Jew in English art. Quickly things go wrong: she is arrested, languishes in Bridewell and dies of venereal disease.

Christina Jones and David Joss *Buckley ingeniously fill in the* gaps between these pictures and give body to the small gallery of characters; some of them Hogarth based on living people, including a notorious rapist who managed to escape scot-free through influence *in high places. Influence and the* lack of it is what kept Georgian society in a strait-jacket; and if there is a moral to this musical it does not differ from Hogarth's: "It's the rich what gets the pleasure, it's the poor what gets the pox."

DONALD COOPER

Christina Jones: with a poignant sense of a small paradise lost

The brothel talk is no brighter than the usual stuff from Rentatart; the Jewish scenes, however, and the musical's opening and close, are strikingly successful additions to the story of Mary *Hackabout's poor, brief life. Jones* and Buckley begin by imaging a hawk's-eye view of the Thames and London, a mixture of the natural and the corrupt, expressed in sinewy language and well-chosen images.

Warren Wills's score, which he conducts from his keyboards in the corner, weaves the images into musical ideas *hinting at* seawater or churches or the fearful streets. These move along a path of their own below the voices and at crucial moments are cut off, as abruptly as if the music had fallen over a cliff, and harsh *a cappella* chant takes over for a few key words.

At the other end of the evening, as Mary's soul soars sunwards, *the music for the four singers* incorporates soaring cries and rapid wordless sounds pulsing like wings above Leon Berger's warning bass. It must be fiendishly difficult to sing, but the sense of transfiguration is powerfully felt.

***Christina Jones* plays the title role with a poignant sense of a small paradise lost; it is a memorable detail of Francesca Joseph's production that shows her seeking customers by exposing and covering her breasts as mechanically as a metronome.**

The character of the meticulous Jew (Martyn Hoydon), built up *from* scanty clues, provides a fascinating eye-opener on what one might call the prophylactic interface between a Jew and a Christian.

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PARIS FASHION by Liz Smith

No business like haute business

Against all odds, haute couture is booming in Paris as the 1990 collections get under way — and there is big money at stake

Christian Lacroix whips up a tank-topped swimsuit from a few centimetres of hand-painted and embroidered Lycra, and knots around it a voluminous overskirt of chartreuse, orange and pink organza. That's haute couture in 1990.

It takes 350 hours of painstaking craftsmanship in the Dior workrooms to turn a whim of designer Gianfranco Ferré and a mile of lace, tulle, organza and taffeta into a crystal-beaded ball gown. At a cost of £25,000, there is a market of fewer than 300 potential customers in the entire world for this extravagance. And that's haute couture, too.

As the top couturiers parade their new lines in Paris this week, the wonder is that in 1990 the world of haute couture not only still exists, but is thriving. Despite a dwindling clientele, and the fact that it never pays its way, the funds keep flowing in for the survival of fashion's greatest showcase. The leading fashion tycoon is Bernard Arnault, whose LVMH empire includes Dior, Lacroix and Givenchy. Lanvin, the oldest family-owned couture house, founded in 1889, was taken over by the Midland Bank last year and is currently being shaken up — its new designer, Claude Montana, makes his début as a couturier this evening. Last year Yves Saint Laurent was launched on the Paris stock market.

The French have sewn up the top end of the fashion industry, and Italy's design stars have come to share the spotlight. Ferré is established as the new couturier at Dior. Valentino shows his *alta moda* line in Paris tomorrow, and Versace kicked off the entire schedule of couture shows at the Ritz with his Atelier line, a parade of sexy numbers that are fringed, bejewelled and brief.

The short, short skirt has been emphatically endorsed by Lacroix, Scherrer, Dior and Chanel. The new silhouette is the fingertip-length tunic, revealing an inch or two of skirt underneath. Jackets are skinny and long, worn over a filmy slip of fabric that passes for a skirt. The neat bolero is seen as a backdrop for the braiding, embroidery and jewellery that is everywhere.

Ferré, whose first couture collection for Dior, shown last July, won him the Dé d'Or, Paris fashion's Golden Thimble award, shares with the legendary Christian Dior a love of grey. He uses every shade from palest pearl to charcoal for his strict suits and coat-dresses, adding his signature flourishes of white piqué collar and deep cuffs, or a flyaway organza bow and scarf.

Ferré always puts on a polished display of luxurious layering of texture and colour. While his own-label collection has a contemporary ease, his Dior line lacks a modern feel. The day clothes lack sassiness, but there are delicious evening confections encrusted with lace in shades of mauve and lilac.

Jean-Louis Scherrer, inspired by his trip to India in December, has copied the ceilings of temples in colourful embroidery, and created rajah tunics, sari-draped skirts and dresses.

For Chanel, which is shown today, Lagerfeld reinvents the classic tweed jacket, which in 1990 is buttoned over a soft, flared skirt in georgette or chiffon. Necklines are scooped, shoulders are softly rounded, and for summer a new raffia braid defines the edges. His easy cardigan jackets, worn over a soft jumpsuit-dress, are as much in the relaxed style pioneered by Coco Chanel in the Twenties as they are in the sporty mood of the 1990s.

Right: Classic Chanel suit updated for 1990 in navy wool crêpe, edged all round with black and white raffia and chenille braid, with white straw Breton hat, Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel

Right: Lactitia Scherrer, the couturier's daughter, in short jacket in rough natural linen, embroidered with white and gold flowers, with sarong skirt in white crêpe, Jean-Louis Scherrer

Above: Red crêpe jacket with navy and white striped, cropped trousers, and wide-brimmed, lacquered gold straw hat, Christian Lacroix

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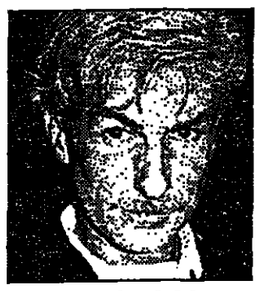
Above left: Jewelled halter top with charcoal silk trousers, Atelier Versace. Right: Coat-dress in black and grey striped silk, with white organdie collar and bow, Gianfranco Ferré for Christian Dior

PARIS HOTLINE

Softer line at Lanvin

The 100-year-old couture house of **Lanvin**, whose most sensational creation to date has been its top-selling scent, Arpège, launched in 1927, re-enters the competitive world of high fashion today when it unveils the first couture line to be created by **Claude Montana**.

Montana, who is known for his structured lines and raunchy leathers, promises a softened line, with diaphanous layers of colour. Unlike Lagerfeld's brilliant re-working of Coco Chanel's own distinctive style, Montana is not remaking Lanvin dresses. "Everyone in the house has started again from zero," he says. "I want clothes that give a woman wings to make her fly."



Flying high: Claude Montana

Glittering prize

The British jewellery designer *Jane Allen* is among the winners of this year's Diamonds International Awards 1990, with a £50,000 necklace starring 210 brilliant-cut diamonds set in three strands of platinum, linked to a moulded, yellow-gold rope.

The presentation tonight in Paris marks a turning point in a career that began in exactly the same way, when Allen won the Diamonds award in 1971 while still at the Central School of Art in London. Having established her name in the 1970s with a strong, clean, modern style, Allen spent six years in the Middle East with her husband, and has returned with her four children to re-establish a London base. She trained in sculpture first at Hornsey, and has happily moved from small, personal pieces to designing jewellery on a grander scale.

The award-winning collection by the 27 winners from 13 countries — nine from Japan — will be exhibited in Harrods in March as part of its "To the End of the Earth" promotion.

Going for gold: Jane Allen

● **Sylvie Guillem** changed from her black leotard into a strapless, back-dipping, lace and pink silk number from **Christian Lacroix's** latest couture collection for the curtain call at the end of the song and dance review that celebrated the launch of Lacroix's new scent, C'est la Vie. The sophisticated new scent, a heady cocktail of orange blossom and Provençal flowers with vanilla, sandalwood and tonka bean, will be on sale in the UK in April.

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There are 1,250 patent agents practising in the UK and 5,000 in Western Europe. About 60 per cent work in private practice for high street partnerships. The rest are employed by large companies *that have their own patent* departments.

Inventions can be protected for up to 20 years and industrial designs for up to 15. The rights they give allow inventors to take advantage for a time of a monopoly market in return for making a *public disclosure of their* invention.

Michael Ralph, deputy secretary of the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, says the profession is growing. When the European Patent Office opened there were fears that less work would come the way of UK patent agents, but the British and Germans are now doing most of the patent work in Europe. Recruitment, which has been running at around 45 trainees a year for most *of the past decade*, has doubled recently.

The Copyright, Design and Patents Act was recently revised. One of the changes in the law is the deregulation of patent agents. Anyone can now submit a patent to the British Patent Office, not just qualified patent agents. But the European Patent Office, in Munich, deals only with qualified *European patent attorneys*.

ALISTAIR GRANT

Patently clear: "You have to be able to grasp the ideas and express them concisely," Jon Gowshall says

Jon Gowshall, a qualified patent agent and European patent attorney, says: "If something is wrong with a patent you may not find out for several years, and then it's too late. So I don't expect that many inventors or companies will want to have their patents written by unqualified people."

Although a degree in science or *engineering is not necessary*, almost all trainees have such a qualification. UK and overseas patent laws and procedures are among the subjects studied by trainees for the patent agents' examinations. Some trainees are seconded by their firms to Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, for a course on intellectual property. Others attend tutorials and seminars run by their professional body. Qualified solicitors are exempt from the *initial exams*. Trainees usually take their final exam to become a qualified patent agent after three years' experience.

"We are putting forward proposals for a new modular system so that trainees will be able to take individual parts of our examinations when they want to," Ralph says. "We are also reducing the training experience requirement before anyone can qualify from three years to two."

Study is not complete even after membership of the Chartered Institute of Patent Engineers is attained. Trainees are usually expected to go on to become *European patent* attorneys by successfully completing the examinations of the European Patent Institute. "This is an entirely different exam to ours, but successful candidates gain exemption from our institute's drafting paper," Ralph says. "The patent drafting process is now the same for everyone in Europe."

What of the prospects? Many partnerships of patent agents have specialist departments dealing in such areas as mechanical and electrical patents, chemical or biological inventions, trade marks *or design copyright*. After three or four years of general training, recruits often specialize in one of these fields and may, some years later, have the opportunity to become a partner.

As for salaries, patent agents are coy about mentioning figures. I was told: "It might start at a very average rate but after two or three years it's much better than you would receive in most of the other professions."

WHERE TO START

Jon Gowshall graduated as a biochemist, but switched to patent work in Liverpool. "To begin with I worked as a trainee under the close supervision of a partner, and everything I did was checked," he says. "I drafted patent applications and replies to letters from the Patent Office. The partner would go through what I had done and give me advice.

"After 18 months I moved to a 12-partner firm in London where I was dealing with large companies, patent agents from overseas and individual inventors. As a biochemist I naturally assist with any specialist work concerned with inventions in biochemistry, but I have also worked *on innovations in* other fields — designs, copyright and other intellectual property.

"We get quite a lot of work from foreign patent agents, who send us *patent applications* which they want us to file at the UK or European Patent Offices. We prepare the specifications and forms and send them to the Patent Office, which responds by setting out objections. You have to be able to grasp the ideas, analyse them logically, express them concisely and overcome the objections.

"I have progressed through experience, private study and passing the exams to become a qualified patent agent. I recently qualified as a European patent attorney, for which it is useful to understand texts in French and German, but it's not necessary to be tri-lingual. To pass the exams you have to gain a broad range of experience. The syllabus and exams are set by the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents. Trainees work their way through questions from earlier years and tutors mark and discuss them."

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An information pack is available from Helen Cox at Essex Family Practitioner Committee, Carnarvon House, Carnarvon Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 6QD, telephone 0255 221222 ext. 250. For an informal discussion please contact the General Manager, Graham Butland, on ext. 221.

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Waging war on the winter blues

The months between Christmas and summer are among the most stressful. Nicole Swengley looks at different ways of relieving the tension

Winter is often a time of discontent. With the seasonal festivities behind us, warm weather a mirage and summer holidays too far off to plan, stress can start playing havoc with our physical and mental states. But there are plenty of ways to beat stress, whether you have pounds to splash out or just a few pence.

British health farms are no longer the spartan spas they once were. Instead of puritan regimes, they offer pampering of the highest order – at a price. Inglewood Health Hydro at Kintbury in Berkshire (0488 82022) offers an unintimidating introduction for anyone new to the experience, with many treatments included in the starting price of £210 for three nights.

Healthy hedonism can also be enjoyed at Ragdale Hall, near Melton Mowbray, in Leicestershire (0664 434831), where typical treatments include massage, aromatherapy and reflexology. Prices per night range from £71 to £105. A wide choice of therapies is available at Cedar Falls in Taunton, Somerset (0823 433338), including iridology and acupuncture. Prices per night at this comfortable centre can be as low as £43 or as high as £115. Equally relaxed is the sociable country-house atmosphere of Grayshott Hall in Surrey (042 8734331), where a night costs from £76 to £120.

'Stress is often caused just by sitting badly'

With an increasing number of people turning to alternative medicine in a bid to beat stress, it is important to pinpoint a good practitioner. As anyone can set up as an osteopath or herbalist without organized training, consult the principle bodies representing the various therapies (listed at end) for a recommendation, or write (sending sae) to the Institute of Complementary Medicine at 21 Portland Place, London W1N 3AF, which has a directory of registered practitioners throughout Britain.

Stress reducers make excellent presents for anyone who lives life in the fast lane. High-flying executives may find an hour's flotation in a tank more relaxing than a share flotation. Flotation involves an hour lying quietly in the dark, suspended in a warm solution of Epsom salts. Fans say they emerge from the experience with a sense of well-being and for those who cannot bear the thought of an hour's silence, in-tank tapes are available, ranging from baroque music to self-help for cigarette quitters. Gift vouchers cost £20 for an hour's float from Flotation Tank Association, 3a Elms Crescent, London SW4 8QE (01-350 1001).

Equally good gifts are the vouchers for tailor-made treatments at Natureworks, London's newest clinic for complementary medicine, which offers sessions of acupuncture, herbalism, homoeopathy, massage therapy, shiatsu and stress management. Vouchers start at £5 (sessions cost from £12 to £30, depending on the length and type of therapy) and are also available from Danceworks. Membership gives entitlement to dance and exercise classes, from classical ballet to salsa. Most classes cost £3.50, including use of sauna and sunbed. Membership is £75 annually (students £40); £22 monthly; £3 daily. Natureworks/Danceworks, 16 Balderton Street, London W1 (01-629 6183).

But it is not only during leisure time that a relaxing ambience can help relieve stress, according to Lisa Quine, director of London's Back Store. "In an office environment, stress is often caused just by sitting badly. To counter this common problem, we have a range of ergonomically designed chairs," she says. Prices range from £175 to £665, with most around the £250 mark. The shop also stocks adjustable desk systems to ensure correct posture and writing slopes, computer lecterns and foot rests. The Back Store, 330 King Street, London W6 0RR (01-741 5022).

Anti-stress devices are personal, so what one person may find soothing another will find irritating. Some swear by Shog-Xing balls, Chinese hand-held massage balls with a chime inside which are rolled in the palm to relax muscles and joints and improve blood circulation. These come in a brocade box, priced £24, at Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, London WC2 (01-240 0135). They are also available in the form of 24 carat gold walnuts – a Chinese symbol of unity and long life – at £24.50 (including p&p) per pair by mail order from Adelai Ltd, Freepost, PO Box 18, Camberley, Surrey GU16 5BR (0276 683133).

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At nationwide branches of The Body Shop, there are wooden back massagers (£6) and Footsie rollers (from £3.65), said to relieve tired feet while activating those zones in the foot which can stimulate natural healing of the body.

There are reductions on several anti-stress devices at Harrods this week. The Thumper comprehensive vibrating massager is reduced from £299 to £239, while a small, hand-held massager is down from £6.95 to £5.

Relaxing tapes are available from New World Aurora at 16a Neal's Yard, London WC2 (01-379 0818). Orders also by mail order. For catalogues, contact New World, Paradise Farm, Westhall, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 8RH (050279 279). The shop offers a wide range of crystals and crystal jewellery, said to promote feelings of harmony.

But the place where even the busiest high flier can relax is the bathroom, so it is worth splashing out on Czech & Speake's aromatic bath oils which combine herbs with essential oils to produce a calming effect. These are available from 39c Jermyn Street, London SW1 (01-439 0216). Verde also has a stress-relieving selection of pure plant preparations, available by mail order from 4a, at 11 Long Street, London E2 8HJ (01-739 3612), while De-stress Bath Oil, £9.50, and De-stress Massage Oil, £6.50, from Elemis, are on sale at selected Debenhams stores.

For anyone trying to conquer the ageing effects of stress, Secret Garden offers an Anti-Stress Hydrating Gel Masque, £6.50, and Anti-Stress day and night creams, available from shops at 153 Regent's Street, London W1 (01-439 3101), Bath, Kingston, and by mail from the London address.

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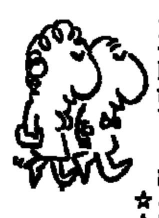

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BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Last chance to see Peter Schaffer's long-running comedy in which two unlikely partners wage eccentric war against the modern world. Ends Saturday.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-11pm, mat Sat 5-7.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

☆ ***LONDON ASSURANCE:*** *Paul* Eddington an amusing ageing beau, with Angela Thorne in otherwise so-so production from Chichester.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Thurs 3-5.10pm and *Sat 4-6.10pm, £8-£18. (D)*

☆ **A LIFE IN THE THEATRE:** Denholm Elliott and Samuel West in Mamet's study of an old actor and his ambitious junior: the players stronger than the play.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent Garden. Tues-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun 4.30pm, £9-£16.50.

☆ **MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM:** Carol Woods as the legendary blues singer in August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winner about black musicians in white Hollywood.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tues-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat 2.30pm, £8.50. In repertoire. (D)

☆ **THE PELICAN:** Second in this theatre's occasional series of Strindberg's chamber plays: this one a melodrama of perverted mother love.
Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (01-229 0706). *Mon-Sat 8-9.45pm, £5.*

☆ **WHALE:** Maggie Steed, June Watson, Toyah Willcox, Emil Wolk lead a large cast playing whales, Inuit gods and heroes in David Holman's new play for children.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Mats Tues-Thurs 10.15am, 2.15pm, Sat 2.15pm. Under 16, £3.50, *others £8.50. In repertoire. (D)*

☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace *Theatre (01-434 0909)* . . . ☆ ***The* Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ★ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Whitehall Theatre (01-867 1119) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

BASINGSTOKE: ☆ ***The Importance of* Being Earnest:** Ian Mullins's production of our wittiest comedy, with Josephine Tewson *mouthing horror at the* handbag.
Haymarket Theatre, Wote Street (0256 465566). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 4pm, £7. (D)

DERBY: ☆ **Blood Knot:** Athol Fugard's celebrated drama of two South African sons of a coloured mother, one white, the other black.
Studio Theatre, Playhouse, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4. (D)

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⊠ **Advance booking possible**

THE DREAM TEAM (15): Madcap, occasionally tasteless, adventures of four mental hospital patients let loose on Manhattan. With Michael Keaton and Peter Boyle; directed by Howard Zieff (113 min).
Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45.

DRUGSTORE COWBOY (18): Provocative morality play about an *unrepentant junkie (Matt Dillon)* who finally faces up to his lifestyle. Directed by Gus van Sant with a strong feel for the underside of American society (100 min).
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.35.

EARTH GIRLS ARE EASY (PG): A spaceship eager for female delights crashes in Los Angeles: cue for a wild, rude, modish musical comedy from *Absolute Beginners* director Julien Temple. With Geena Davis, Jeff Goldblum (100 mins).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-630 0310). Progs 1.00, 3.35, 6.00, 8.35.

FELLOW TRAVELLER (15): Michael Eaton's intriguing drama about the blacklist era, directed by Philip Saville, with Hart Bochner and Ron Silver as Hollywood radicals variously coping with the McCarthy nightmare (86 mins).
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.45, 4.45, 6.45, 8.45.

JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): An updated version of a Passion Play causes controversy in Montreal. Strained satirical fireworks from Denys Arcand, Canadian director of *The Decline of the American Empire* (120 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Film at 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.
Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

SCENES FROM THE CLASS STRUGGLE IN BEVERLY HILLS (18): Satirical fun and games with a soft centre from *director-actor Paul Bartel;* with Jacqueline Bissett as an actress attempting a comeback (104 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.05, 8.35.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.20.

WELCOME HOME (15): Unduly melodramatic tale of a Vietnam veteran, presumed dead, who returns home to upset the apple cart. With Kris Kristofferson and JoBeth Williams; the last film of director Franklin Schaffner (92 min).
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45.

SISTERS (15): Engaging romantic comedy with fairy tale trimmings, with Patrick Dempsey as a deadpan American student spending Christmas with an eccentric Quebec family. Director by Michael Hoffman; with Jennifer Connelly (94 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.10, 9.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.20, 4.30, 6.40, 8.50.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.25, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
Whiteleys 8 (01-792 3303). Progs 2.00, 4.35, 6.55, 9.15.

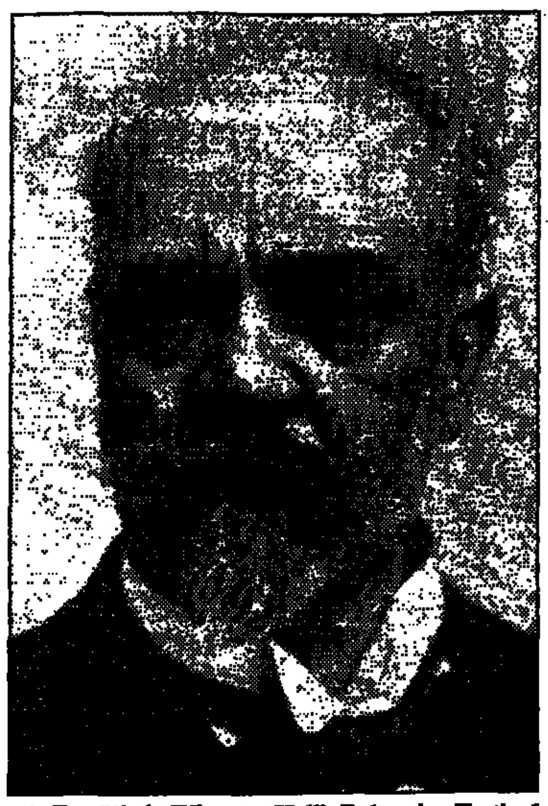
CONCERTS

MORNING

☆ **REED GAINSFORD:** This pianist juxtaposes Schumann's Symphonic Studies with Ravel's *Gaspard de la Nuit.*
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), *1.05-2pm, free.*

☆ **BONUCCI/BLAKELY:** Richard Strauss's Sonata Op 6, Dvořák's Rondo Op 94 and Beethoven's Variations on a Theme from Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* are all heard from Arturo Bonucci (cello) and John Blakely (piano).
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844), 1.05-1.50pm, £2.50.

Essentially bohemian



Main components: Bohuslav Martinů (left) and Antonín Dvořák, in Wigmore Hall's Bohemian Festival

Tonight the Chilingirian Quartet opens a series of Wigmore Hall concerts which run until July. They make up the Bohemian Festival and will concentrate on chamber music by Dvořák, Suk and Martinů, the centenary of whose birth falls this year. Largely because he is such a prolific composer, it has been hard to get Martinů's achievement into focus. His String Quartet No 5 will be heard from the Chilingirians tonight, however, and some of his piano music will be performed by Margaret Fingerhut tomorrow and by William Howard next month. His Piano Quartet and Violin Sonata No 2 will be heard on other occasions. This last will be played by Josef Suk, who is the grandson of the composer Josef Suk, who in turn was Dvořák's pupil and son-in-law. Dvořák wrote a lot of chamber music and works by him are included in many of these concerts, starting this evening with the fine, but not well-known, Quartet Op 51. Stylistically, Josef Suk — the composer — is somewhere between the romantic Dvořák and mildly modernist Martinů, and his warmly engaging music is performed here all too rarely. It will be a pleasure to hear his *Spring* pieces from Margaret Fingerhut tomorrow and several other works later in the series. Tonight, Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£7. ***Max Harrison***

☆ **CONCERTINA CONCERT:** Douglas Rogers (concertina) plays Keith Amos's Sonata, some of Molique's *Flying Leaves* Op 50 and arrangements of pieces by Tchaikovsky, Elgar and Kreisler. Brenda Blewett is at the piano.
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, *London EC4 (01-248 8054), 1.15-*1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **CARMINA QUARTETS:** Haydn's Quartet Op 55 No 1, Beethoven's Quartet Op 135 and Dvořák's Quartet Op 96 "American" are performed by the Carmina Quartet.
Law Society Common Room, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2 (01-242 1222), 6.30pm, £6.

☆ **PAITA PERFORMANCES:** Carlos Paita conducts the RPO in Rossini's *William Tell* Overture, Grieg's Piano Concerto (Janis Vakarelis, soloist) and, with the addition of John Birch (organ), Saint-Saëns's Symphony No 3.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.20pm, £4.50-£20.

☆ **TUESDAY TALLIS:** The Tallis Scholars sing Richafort's Requiem and pieces by *Ockeghem and Josquin.* Peter Phillips conducts.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50-£7.

☆ **BARBICAN BACH:** Jeffrey Tate conducts the ECO, Tallis Chamber Choir and soloists in Bach Mass in B minor.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-10.20pm, £4-£15.

☆ **INTERNATIONAL FRAGER:** As part of the International Piano Series Malcolm Frager plays Haydn's Sonata Hob XVI/46, Beethoven's 32 Variations *WoO 80* and *Sonata Op 54*, Schumann's *Kinderscenen* and Sonata Op 22.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-£10.

☆ **BYRD'S BELLS:** The American harpsichordist Maggie Cole plays Byrd's *The Bells*, Forqueray's *La Mandoline*, Couperin's *Passacaille*, d'Anglebert's Suite No 1, Bach's partita No 2 and other pieces.
Turner Sims Concert Hall, Southampton University, Southampton (0703 671771), 8pm, £5.

DANCE

☆ **CINDERELLA:** Last performance this season of Ashton's production for the Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30pm, £1-£41.

☆ **LA TRAVIATA:** Danced version of Dumas's story by André Prokovsky by London City Ballet.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), 7.30pm, £5-£11.50.

OPERA

☆ **DUKE BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE:** (see picture right)
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), tomorrow and Sat 7.15-10pm, £3-£25.50.

☆ **FAUST:** Strong revival of Ian Judge's production for English National Opera, poised between the humourous and the harrowing. Arthur Davies, John Tomlinson and Valerie Masterson lead a cast conducted by *Jacques Delacote.*
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£33. (D)

☆ **RIGOLETTO:** Welsh National Opera's BP opera circuit is on the road again with its pocket-size Verdi production. *Commedia dell'arte* techniques inspire this piano-accompanied version, sung in English.
Aylesbury Civic Centre (0296 86009), 7.30-10pm, £7.

☆ **THE CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE:** *Brecht's play set to a beguiling* accompaniment of Chinese-influenced music by Stephen Warbeck, and presented with flair by the National Youth Music Theatre.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Ave, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £3-£10.

Kathryn Harries (above), whose Katya Kabanova at English National Opera made quite an impression last autumn on London audiences, now turns to another tormented heroine: Bartok's Judith, in *Duke Bluebeard's Castle*, starting from tomorrow (see listing). She plays the role in a new production by Stefanos Lazaridis for Scottish Opera, which will run in a double bill with Stravinsky's *Oedipus Rex*. Bluebeard, whose seven doors she demands to be opened, is played by Monte Jaffe, and the Soviet conductor Vehtany Matchavariani will be in the pit.

ROCK

☆ **ERIC CLAPTON:** The old man of English *blues-rock guitar* on hot form by all accounts.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212), 7.30pm, £13.50-£17.50, and for 13 more nights.

☆ **THE ALARM:** Wales's biggest rock export *continues* to celebrate a romantic notion of *its* celtic heritage, but the new single, "Love Don't Come Easy", released yesterday, sounds tailor-made for the American market.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 261 2606), 7.30pm, £7-£8.

☆ **SIMPLY RED:** Mick Hucknall's blue-eyed soul experience.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133), 7.30pm, £12-£14, for three nights.

☆ **DEACON BLUE:** Intimate gig for the Scottish popsters seen last December at Wembley Arena.
Mean Fiddler, 28 Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490), 8pm, £8.

☆ **PAUL McCARTNEY:** A *dazzling* show which celebrates the Beatles' heritage as much as it showcases last year's *Flowers in the Dirt album.*
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-900 1234), 7.30pm, £18.50, also tomorrow and Fri.

JAZZ

☆ **KENNY WHEELER:** *His sixtieth* birthday big band boasts famous improvising but disappointing charts. The quintet, featured in the second half, tackles more engaging pieces.
Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell (0344 484123), 8pm.

☆ **FLORA PURIM & AIRTO:** *One of Frith* Street's regular attractions, the Latin couple are back for a three-week residency. Support from the quartet of the young bop saxophonist Ed Jones.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2). *Until Feb 10.*

☆ **ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY:** No relation to Lionel Hampton or Cab Calloway, the New York pop-jazz singer comes highly recommended by George Shearing.
Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 *(01-235 5550), 9.15pm and* 11.15pm, £10, late set only £7. Until Feb 3.

☆ **HUMPHREY LYTTELTON:** The trumpeter's band includes pianist Stan Greig and saxophonist Alan Barnes.
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, *London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm,* £4.

☆ **TOMMY SMITH:** Still absorbing styles, the ascetic, Berklee-trained saxophonist is currently under the influence of Jan Garbarek.
Blackheath Concert Halls, 23 Lee Road, London SE3 (01-463 0100), 8pm, £12.

GALLERIES

PAUL NASH'S PLACES: Paintings, drawings and photographs which *explore this landscape artist's* fascination for the same few motifs in southern England.
Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street, Exeter (0392 56742). Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until Feb 11.

MIRO SCULPTURE: Thirty-seven bronzes by the surrealist painter.
Ikon Gallery, 58-72 John Bright Street, Birmingham (021 643 0708). Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Feb 24.

JOHN MARTIN (1789-1854): Paintings and prints by the popular artist who painted apocalyptic scenes such as "The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah" featuring hundreds of tiny figures and dramatic lighting.
Abbot Hall Gallery, Kendal, *Cumbria* (0539 722464). Mon-Fri 10.30am-5pm, Sat-Sun 2-5pm, free, until Feb 18.

ARSHILE GORKY *(1904-1948):* A career survey of a key abstract painter in the development of American art.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107). Tues-Sun 11am-5pm, £3, until March 25.

JUDITH COWAN: *New works in copper* and cast iron by a sculptor of forms derived from floral and organic origins.
Oriel Gallery, The Friary, Cardiff (0222 395548). Mon-Sat 9am-5.30pm, free, until Feb 24.

1989 YOUNG ILLUSTRATORS' EXHIBITION: The best entries and prizewinners in the annual competition.
Newcastle Polytechnic Gallery, Sandyford Road, Newcastle (091 235 8424). Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 10am-4pm, free, until Feb 2.

CORPORATE COLLECTIONS: Highlights from company collections giving an overview of Scottish art since the 18th century, including advertising icons such as Landseer's "Monarch of the Glen", on loan from United Distillers (Dewars).

The Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 5116). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Feb 27.

TALKS

WAR ARTISTS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR: Lecture by Michael Moody, Curator, Department of Art, Imperial War Museum.
Highgate Literary & Scientific Institution, 11 South Grove, Highgate, London N6 (01-340 3343), 8.15pm, £1 (free to members).

QUEEN ANNE AND THE MARLBOROUGHS: Lecture by John Cooper.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), 1.10pm, free.

WALKS

THE REAL LONDON EASTENDERS – THE OLD JEWISH QUARTER: Meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

THE JACK THE RIPPER MURDER TRAIL: Meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

THE BURIED CITY – LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: Meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

GHOSTS, *GHOULS* AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: Meet St Pauls tube, 7pm, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

OTHER EVENTS

ANTIQUE DISCOVERY DAY: A Sotheby's general valuer and specialist give free valuations of your antiques and accept items for sale by auction.
Civic Hall, Guildford, Surrey, 10am-1.30pm.

FOODCHAINS: First day of a travelling exhibition, now at its last destination, which tells the story of food and farming over the past 150 years in photographs, three dimentional and audio-visual displays and an inter-active section on diet.
Stoke-on-Trent City Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent (0782 202173), Until Apr 1, Mon-Sat 10.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm.

GIFTS FOR VALENTINES: Opening day of a selling exhibition of jewellery, textiles, wood, ceramic and mixed *media objects by 22 invited makers.* Prices range from £4 to £500.
Crafts Council Shop, Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-589 5070). Until Feb 14, Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm.

WINE NIGHTS: "Guided tour" of the *wines of California with an expert in the* subject.
Fulham Road Wine Centre, 899-901 Fulham Road, London SW6 (01-736 7009), 7pm onwards, fee £15.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

INTIMATE BEETHOVEN: Festival of 16 concerts featuring chamber music, with piano sonatas played by Bernard *Roberts, and cello works by Anthony* Pleeth. Feb-April.
Blackheath Concert Halls, 23 Lee Road, London SE3 (01-463 0100).

FAIRFIELD LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: Programme includes Anthony Goldstone (Jan 30), Guillermo Fierens *plays guitar (Mar 6), and the Arpeggione* Quartet of Paris with Robin Colvill (Mar 27). Jan-May.
Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon (01-688 9291).

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: Spring *tour includes visits to Bury St Edmunds* (Theatre Royal), Yeovil (Octagon), Exeter (Northcott), Swindon (Wyvern Theatre), and Malvern (Coronation Hall). Feb-March. Details from venues.

LAST CHANCE

BLUES AND ROOTS: More than 200 drawings of black performers, including Curtis Mayfield, Nina Simone and Jimi Hendrix; plus "The American Sketchbooks", mixed media works documenting life in Minneapolis in the late 1970s; by David Oxtoby. Ends Sun.
Theatre Museum, Russell Street, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-836 7891).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** *Hilary Finch;* **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Kari Lloyd; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

TELEVISION TOP 10

● *The Television Top 10 chart appeared yesterday with the incorrect programmes for* BBC2 and Channel 4. The corrected table appears below:

National top 10 programmes in the week ending January 14, 1990:

	BBC 1		BBC 2
1	Neighbours (Fri) 19.45m	1	Sure Thing 5.81m
2	Neighbours (Wed) 19.42m	2	Food and Drink (Tues/Fri) 5.45m
3	Neighbours (Mon) 19.28m	3	International Darts (Sat) 4.53m
4	Neighbours (Tues) 19.17m	4	Frog Dreaming 4.03m
5	Neighbours (Thurs) 19.09m	4	Moby Dick 4.03m
6	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 18.85m	6	Invisible Man 3.81m
7	EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 17.87m	7	Monty Python's Flying Circus 3.35m
8	Bergerac 13.82m	8	M*A*S*H 3.12m
9	Antiques Roadshow 12.2m	9	Horizon (Mon/Thurs) 2.98m
10	Question of Sport 12.03m	10	Catchword (Fri) 2.96m

	ITV		Channel 4
1	Coronation Street (Wed/Sat) 22.58m	1	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.04m
2	Coronation Street (Mon/Wed) 21.22m	2	Golden Girls 4.83m
3	Coronation Street (Fri/Sat) 20.89m	3	Brookside (Wed/Sat) 4.58m
4	This is Your Life 15.85m	4	Countdown (Fri) 4.16m
5	For Your Eyes Only 15.22m	5	Land of the Giants 4.06m
6	Inspector Morse 15.15m	6	Countdown (Tues) 3.92m
7	The Bill (Thurs/Fri) 14.53m	7	Countdown (Wed) 3.82m
8	Blind Date 14.6m	8	Relative Strangers 3.79m
9	Watching 14.51m	9	Countdown (Mon) 3.75m
10	Strike it Lucky 14.04m	10	Countdown (Thurs) 3.59m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1m (6.7m)**TV-am:** *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.4m (11.7m)
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

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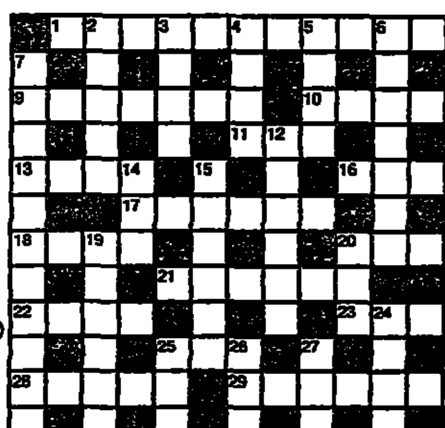


ACROSS
1 Women's emancipationist (11)
9 Got at (7)
10 Cuban dance (5)
11 Morale (3)
13 Very small (4)
16 Chief (4)
17 On ship (6)
18 Elephant ivory (4)
20 Grain husks (4)
21 Jesuits founder (6)
22 Hoodlum (4)
23 Acquire (4)
25 Idle talk (3)
28 Dunedin NZ district (5)
29 Initial matters (7)
30 Children's bed game (6,5)

DOWN
2 First Crusade pope (5)
3 People (4)
4 Assistant (4)
5 Great Spanish civil war battle (4)
6 Embroidery frame (7)
7 Establishment (11)
8 Fowl fatty tail (7,4)
12 French waiter (6)
14 Chatter (3)
15 Colombia capital (6)
19 Crimean War hospital (7)
20 Haul (3)
24 Simple north-east USA sect (5)
25 Target (4)
26 Vomit (4)
27 French army cap (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2082
ACROSS: 1 Cenotaph 5 Scag 9 Ravings 10 Nappa 11 Bird in the hand 13 Copse 15 Dunce 17 Pay the penalty 21 Tease 22 Otalgia 23 Like 24 Offences
DOWN: 1 Carib 2 Never 3 Tensile 4 Positive proof 6 Captain 7 Grandee 8 Knee 12 Ibo 13 Capital 14 Payback 15 Dunnage 16 Cat 18 Heel 19 Logic 20 Yeats

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

ONCHOCERCIASIS
(a) A disease of man, also known as river blindness, caused by infestation of a filarial worm, *Onchocerca volvulus*, which is transmitted by various species of black fly, and characterized by subcutaneous nodules and very often blindness, from the Greek *onkos* a hook + *kerkos* a tail.

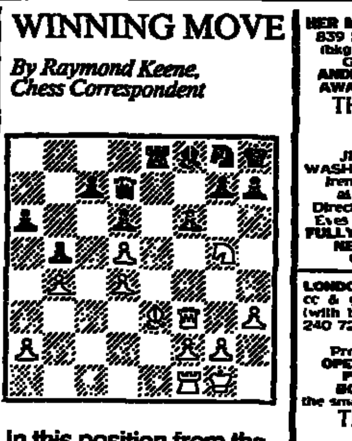
GENNAKER
(c) An asymmetrical spinnaker sail, a blend of *Genoa* and *spinnaker*. In a spinnaker the two long sides of the triangle are of equal length. A *gennaker* has one of these sides longer than the other.

TAMASHA
(b) An entertainment, show, display, public function, from the Arabic *tamasha* walking about for amusement.

THANATISE
(a) To process in a lethal manner, from the Greek *thanatos* death: "Having missed on three clean shots at what he thought would be oblivion, he set about to thanatise himself in messy increments of degradation."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



In this position from the game Svenn (White), Kinmark (Black), Sweden 1970, White, to play, wins. The solution will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1...Qxg2+ forcing checkmate in short order.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 FAUST. Tomor 7.30 HANSEL & GRETEL

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Cinderella. Tomor 7.30 Laurentia/La Fille mal gardee.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 NOW BOOKING TO APR 7 1990
ME AND MY GIRL
THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00
"THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" Sunday Express

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0
SIXTH HIT YEAR!
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN
SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £5 on Tues Mats
NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER

ALBERY 867 1115 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (No bkg fee)741 9999 240 7200 (Bkg fee) Grps 867 1115
BEST MUSICAL SWET Award 1983
WILLY RUSSELL'S
BLOOD BROTHERS
STARRING KIKI DEE
"ASTONISHING...A Milestone in British Musicals" S Exp "...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail
Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

ALDWYCH (All bkgs 836 6404) Evgs 7.30 Wed 3.0 Sats 4.0 & 8.0
JUDI DENCH
RONALD PICKUP BERNARD HILL
THE CHERRY ORCHARD
by CHEKHOV, Trans MICHAEL FRAYN "AN ADMIRABLE PRODUCTION ... THE WHOLE THING LIFTED ME SIX FEET OFF THE GROUND AND HELD ME THERE. ENTHRALLED" S Correspondent.

APOLLO 01-437 2663 cc 01-379 4444/741 9999 (with bkg fee) 01-240 7200 Grps 01 930 6123
PETER O'TOOLE
'JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL'
by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin "AN OUTRIGHT WINNER" Eve Std. "PETER O'TOOLE IS MAGNIFICENT" F T
Mon-Fri 8.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.45

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. CC with bkg fee 240 7200/741 9999/379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8
LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES
SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK!

ARTS 836 2132 cc 379 4444 From £7.50 A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT
"I ENJOYED MYSELF" Guardian Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.30

BARBICAN THEATRE 01-638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 9am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
A CLOCKWORK ORANGE 2004
From Fri 7.30
THE PIT From Weds 7.30 HAVE by Julius Hay

COMEDY 01 930 2578/8778 cc 839 1438/867 1111/741 9999 or 24hr with bkg fee 240 7200/379 4444 Grps 930 6123/240 7941. "GLORIOUSLY FUNNY" D Exp
PATRICIA HODGE SIMON CADELL
NOEL & GERTIE
WORDS AND MUSIC BY NOEL COWARD
"SOPHISTICATED, SPARKLING, BRILLIANT AND BEGUILING" Sun Times
Mon-Fri 8pm. Wed Mat 3. Sat 6 & 8.45

DOMINION 01-580 9562 Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (24 hrs) (bkg fee) Group Sales Box Office 01-930 6123 CCTB 01-741 9999 (bkg fee).
MICHAEL BARRYMORE in ALADDIN with FRANK BRUNO
All Star Show Extended until Feb 3
Mon-Sat Nightly 7.15 Mats Tues Thurs plus Sats until Jan 27 & Sat Feb 3 at 2.30. Reduced prices at all mats until Jan 27. Red prices Mon-Thurs Evgs for children OAP's & Groups. Seats avail at all perfs

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE Earlham St. WC2 01-379 5299 CC 379 4444 (No Bkg Fee) 240 7200/741 9999 (Bkg Fees) Groups 240 7941
RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET
Shakespeare's Forgotten Rock-and-Roll Masterpiece
"Joy and excitement fill the stage and thrill the theatre" Tms
Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.00 & 8.30 Fri at 5.00: All Seats £7.50

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (Bkg Fee) 24hr 7 days 379 4444/240 7200 Grps 831 8626
MISS SAIGON
BEST MUSICAL
Eve Std Drama Awards 1989
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm. Check daily for returns. A few balcony seats usually avail. Good seats avail for some Wed Mats Latecomers not admitted until the interval
NEW BOOKING PERIOD: MARCH - JUNE
POSTAL BOOKINGS ONLY

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999
COMEDY OF THE YEAR
Olivier Awards 1988
PAULA WILCOX
in WILLY RUSSELL'S "SEN"
SHIRLEY VALENTINE
Eves 8 Mats Thu 3. Sat 5
"The audience roars approval Shirley's spell is unbreakable" D Mail "The funniest & the most heartwarming play for years" D M

GARRICK Box Office/cc 01-379 6107 cc (no bkg fee) 01-836 3464/379 4444/741 9999
Royal Court Theatre's Production of
OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD
BEST PLAY Olivier Awards 1988
Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri & Sat 5.00 + 8.15. Fri 5.00 ALL SEATS £7.50

FORTUNE Box Office & cc 836 2238 24hr cc bkg fee 240 7200
CHARLES KAY DOMINIC LETTS
Susan Hill's
THE WOMAN IN BLACK
Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt
"A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER" Gdn "MASTERLY" Exp "CHILLING" Ind "GRIPPING" FT "FIRST RATE" Ind "TAKE TRANQUILISERS" T Out
SECOND TERRIFYING YEAR!
Eves 8 Mats Tues 3 Sat 4
NOW BOOKING TO SEPT

GLOBE THEATRE BO (CC) 01-437 3667
MICHAEL GAMBON
PETER BOWLES in
ALAN AYCKBOURN'S new play
MAN OF THE MOMENT
Reduced Previews From Feb 2 Evenings 7.45. Sats 5.0 & 8.30
OPENS FEB 14 BOOK NOW!

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999/379 4444. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45. Sat Mat 3pm
CAROLE SHELLEY
HELEN RYAN
MORAY WATSON
IN
LETTICE AND LOVAGE
By PETER SHAFFER
Dir MICHAEL BLAKEMORE
BEST COMEDY '88 E Std Award
MUST CLOSE 27 JANUARY

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 01 930 9832 cc 240 7200 / 379 4444 / 741 9999 bkg fee
PAUL EDDINGTON
"marvellous performance" Ind
ANGELA THORNE
"lights up the stage" Today in "Sam Mendes' fine production" Ind of Dion Boucicault's "enchanting comedy" D Tel
LONDON ASSURANCE
Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 4

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
MARTIN SMITH
JILL WASHINGTON ROBERT MEADMORE
Iren Bartok plays Christine at certain performances
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3
FULLY BOOKED TILL 29 SEPT
NEW BOOKING PERIOD OPENING SHORTLY

LONDON PALLADIUM Box Office cc & groups 01-437 7373 cc's (with bkg fee) 01-379 4444, 01-240 7200, 01-741 9999. Groups 01-930 6123
Previews from March 23
OPENS MARCH 27 at 7.00
PAUL NICHOLAS and BONNIE LANGFORD in the smash hit Broadway musical
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE
by Gilbert & Sullivan
"A rollicking, swashbuckling, delightful show"
Evgs 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30
LIMITED SEASON ONLY

LONDON PALLADIUM BO & cc & Grps 437 7373 cc(bkg fee) 240 7200 (24hrs) 741 9999 / 379 4444
THE MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
starring SARAH BRIGHTMAN
with the ROYAL PHILHARMONIC POPS ORCHESTRA AND THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN CAST
'A Tour De Force Concert' Hollywood Reporter
Previews Feb 26
Runs Feb 27 - Mar 3.
6 PERFS ONLY Nightly at 8

LONDON PALLADIUM
FINAL WEEK
Box Office & Credit Cards & Groups 437 7373
'ALLO 'ALLO
Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 5.30 & 8.30pm Mat Wed 2.45pm

CC (Bkg fee) 240 7200 (24 hrs) /741 9999 / 379 4444

LYRIC Shaftesbury Ave. 437 3686 Groups 930 6123 cc 01 379 4444 /741 9999/(bkg fee) 240 7200
Sheila Hancock
PRIN
with SUSIE BLAKE
By Andrew Davies
Directed by Richard Wilson
"EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT"
What's On. Mon-Fri 7.45 Sat 4.30 & 8.15 Wed Mat 3.00
LAST 3 WEEKS!
Limited season ends 10 Feb

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311 cc no bkg fee 01 836 3464 Run Ends Feb 10 Griff Rhys Jones Dinsdale Landen Hugh Lloyd in THARK by Ben Travers Vintage Farce "Thark is top stuff" Times "Comedy cracker ... Slap-stick galore ... Dinsdale and Griff experts in inspired lunacy" DMail "Masterly performance from Hugh Lloyd" Ind. Eves 7.45pm Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 4.00pm. Studio 01 741 8701 IN PURSUIT OF THE ENGLISH Evgs 8.0 Mat sat 4.30

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45
THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL
CATS
SEATS NOW AVAIL FOR EVE PERFS MAR & TUE MATS FROM JAN ONWARDS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567.
NOW BKG TO SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL THEATRE 01 928 2252 Grps 01 620 0741 24hr cc bkg fee: 240 7200
OLIVIER
Today 2.00 & 7.15. Tomor 7.15 THE SHAUGHRAUN Boucicault (LAST PERFORMANCE.
LYTTELTON
Ton't. Tomor 7.30 BENT Sherman Today. Tomor 10.15 & 2.15 WHALE Holman.
COTTESLOE
Ton't 7.30. Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 MA RAINEY Wilson. Jan 26 at 11pm A CELEBRATION OF LOUIS JORDAN FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE. DEVISED BY CLARKE PETERS Tkts £8

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Mon-Fri 7.30. Wed mat 2.30. Sat 4.00 & 7.45
THE LIAR
by Pierre Corneille
Directed by Jonathan Miller
"BRILLIANTLY FUNNY" Times
"A THOROUGH DELIGHT" D.Tel

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111/379 4444 741 9999 bkg fee
KING
THE MUSICAL
Opens April 11

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 Groups 494 1671
"THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek
LES MISERABLES
THE MUSICAL SENSATION
Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30
Latecomers not admitted until the interval
"FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC
NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER
APPLY TO BOX OFFICE DAILY FOR RETURNS

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111/379 4444 741 9999 bkg fee
DOROTHY TUTIN & PETER McENERY
"Superb in Sondheim's Smash" Ind
SUSAN HAMPSHIRE ERIC FLYNN
"Enchanting" "Excellent" Whats On Guardian
LILA KEDROVA
"Irresistible" Times
A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
by STEPHEN SONDHEIM
WINNER 1989 EVENING STANDARD SPECIAL AWARD
"Haunting, hilarious and brilliant" S Times
Eves 7.45 Mat Sat 3.00
SEASON ENDS FEB 17

PLAYHOUSE BO & CC 839 4401 cc 240 7200 bkg fee Group Sales 930 6123
DONALD SINDEN
"Makes it a Wilde success" Std as
"irrepressible wit" Daily Express
OSCAR WILDE
"DAZZLING, COMPELLING, HEARTSTOPPING & MARVELLOUS" Jack Tinker, Daily Mail Mon-Sat 8pm
M.I. GROUP PLAYHOUSE

PRINCE OF WALES Box Office 01 839 5972 CC First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee)/Open All Hours 379 6131 (bkg fee)
ASPECTS OF LOVE
"ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D.Tel
Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART
Directed by TREVOR NUNN
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0
Queue daily for returns. Strictly no admittance for latecomers
NOW BOOKING TO SEPT

PHOENIX Charing Cross Road, WC2 01-836 2294 cc 240 9661 867 1111 (no bkg fee) 01-240 7200/01-741 9999/01 379 4444 (all bkg fee)
STEVEN BERKOFF
"mesmeric...hypnotic" Sun Exp in Oscar Wilde's
SALOME
"a glittering masterpiece" Indp
Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm
STRICTLY LIMITED SEASON

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123
ELAINE PAIGE
BERNARD CRIBBINS & JOHN BARROWMAN in
ANYTHING GOES
"THE HOTTEST SHOW IN TOWN" Daily Express
"I LOVED EVERYTHING ABOUT IT" Daily Mail
Choreographed by MICHAEL SMUIN
Directed by JERRY ZAKS
Eves 7.30 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30
CAST ALBUM AVAILABLE ON FIRST NIGHT RECORDS NOW.

QUEENS BO 734 1166/379 4444 /741 9999/240 7200 AT NO BKG FEE. GROUPS 930 6123
NIGEL HAWTHORNE JANE LAPOTAIRE
"Masterly" Tms "Virtuoso" STms
SHADOWLANDS
"Packed with emotional bombshells" T.Out
"Unbearably Moving" Std
"A Joy to the End" DEx
Eves 8.00 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

SADLERS WELLS 278 8916 First Call cc 24 hr 7 days 240 7200
The National Youth Music Theatre in THE CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE by Bertolt Brecht. Eves 7.30. Mat 2.30 24 & 27 Jan

SAVOY THEATRE 01-836 8888 CC No fees 01-836 3464 (24hr 7 day) 01-379 6219 Grs 01-831 2771. 01-240 7941 01-836 8889
PAUL DANIELS
IT'S MAGIC
Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed & Sat 2.30. Child reductions avail at most perfs
Limited Season Must End Feb 3

SHAFTESBURY Box Office & cc 379 5399 CC (bkg fee) 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999
"THE POWER PLAY OF THE YEAR" Std
PETER EGAN in
M. BUTTERFLY
by David Henry Hwang
Directed by John Dexter
Mon-Thu 8pm. Fri & Sat 8.15
Matinees Wed 3pm & Sat 5pm
LAST THREE WEEKS!

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45. Sat 5.0 and 8.0
38TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660/4143 CC 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fees)
"THIS REALLY WONDERFUL ACTOR RETURNING IN TRIUMPH" FT
DENHOLM ELLIOTT in DAVID MAMET'S
"DELICIOUS" FT COMEDY
A LIFE IN THE THEATRE
Directed by BILL BRYDEN
Tue-Sat 8 Mat Thu, Sat&Sun 4.30
LIMITED RUN EXTENDED TO SUN 28 FEB

STRATFORD UPON AVON. Box Office and CC (0789) 295623 Royal Shakespeare Company. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE: Final week of season! Coriolanus Tonight, Thur, Fri 7.30. As You Like It Tomor Sat 7.30. Mat Thur 1.30. All's Well that Ends Well Mat Sat 1.30 Also booking: Show Boat 10th Feb - 3rd March SWAN THEATRE: The Duchess of Malfi by Webster: Tonight, Thurs, Fri 7.30. Pericles Tomor, Sat 7.30. Mat Thur 1.30 Meal/Ticket/Hotel package (0789) 414999

VAUDEVILLE BO & CC 836 9987 MICHAEL FRAYN'S Translation of YURI TRIFONOV'S brilliant Russian play
MARTIN JARVIS in
EXCHANGE
"An extraordinary tragi-comedy" Guardian. Previews from Feb 19. Eves 7.45. Sat 5 & 8.15
1st Night Feb 22 at 7.0

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987 Grps 240 7941 cc 01 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999.
"BRILLIANT" D.Mail
JILL GASCOINE
JENNIFER HILARY DEBORAH NORTON
KEITH BAXTER
BARNABY AND THE OLD BOYS
Mon-Fri 7.45. Sat 8.15
Mats Thurs 2.30. Sat 4.30
LAST WEEK - ENDS SAT

VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317 CC 01-379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123
"It's Buddy Brilliant" Sun
"Sheer unadulterated fun ... I love this show" Sun Exp.
The man. The Music. The Legend.
BUDDY
The Buddy Holly Story
A NEW MUSICAL
"Wonderful Stuff" Sun Tel.
"I Loved It" Fin Times
Mon-Thurs 8.00 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30. ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAYS 5.30 PERF

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 cc 834 0048 379 4444 (no bkg fee) THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE Today & Thurs 10.30 & 2. Tomor & Fri 2 & 6.30 Sat 3 & 6.30 Sun 3 & 6

WHITEHALL S 867 1119 867 1111/379 4444/741 9999. Grps 867 1113. Eves 8 Thu mat 2.30 Saturday 5.30 & 8.30
"BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" Daily Mail
The Theatre of Comedy Company
William Gaunt Christopher Blake
Jack Watling
Judy Buxton Heather Wright
Leslie Lawton Michael Cotterill
Derren Nesbitt
RUN FOR YOUR WIFE!
LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY
written and directed by RAY COONEY
Over 2,700 side-splitting perfs
"SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S.Exp

WYNDHAM'S THEATRE 01-867 1116 cc 01-867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 01-867 1113
ALBERT FINNEY
"devastating inner power" D Mail
JANET SUZMAN
"quite magnificent" Ind
SARA KESTELMAN
"brilliant" FT
DAVID de KEYSER
"gleeful" Std
CHRISTIEN ANHOLT
"excellent" D Tel
ANOTHER TIME
"by far the best new play of the year ... serious and funny" D.Tel. "vastly Ronald Harwood's best work since 'The Dresser'" FT. "Elijah Moshinsky's impeccable direction" S Tms
Eves 8 Mats Wed 3 & Sat 4

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171a Sloane Street (1st Floor), London SW1
Tel: 01-235 2464/9128 (2 mins from Harrods)
ECLECTIC ART
A selection of paintings, sculpture and tapestries. From Folk Art to Abstract Art.
Until 28 Feb. Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-4.

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CRANE KALMAN GALLERY, 178 Brompton Rd, SW3 584 7566. BRITISH ART - works by Sir Matthew Smith, Christopher Wood, Ben Nicholson, Graham Sutherland, Henry Moore, Ruskin Spear, L.S. Lowry and Ivon Hitchens. Daily 10-6, Sats 10-4. (5 mins From Harrods).

ROY MILES GALLERY 29 Bruton St, W1. 495 4747 - RUSSIAN PAINTINGS. Mon - Fri 10 - 6. Sats 10-1.

WORLD OF DRAWINGS AND WATERCOLOURS, Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W1. 24-28 January. 11am - 8 pm (7pm last two days). 491-8806.

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp. Camden Tube 485 2443 Denys Arcand's JESUS OF MONTREAL (18) Progs 1.00 3.30 6.05 8.40 SEATS BOOKABLE FOR 8.40 PERF ACCESS/VISA

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 PERCY ADLON'S ROSALIE GOES SHOPPING staring MARIANNE SAGEBRECHT (15) 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.55. SEATS BOOKABLE FOR 8.55 PERF ACCESS/VISA.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737 KENNETH BRANAGH as HENRY V (PG) Film at 2.30 5.45 8.30 "RAW, POPULIST, BRUTAL AND EXCITING" A Walker, Std.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 KENNETH BRANAGH as HENRY V (PG) Film at 2.45 5.50 8.30 All seats bookable for all perfs. LAST WEEK. FROM FRI Fellini's "8½" (15)

CINEMAS

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805 DONALD SUTHERLAND MARLON BRANDO in A DRY WHITE SEASON (15) Film at 2.00 incl Sun 4.10 6.20 & 8.40. "A GRIPPING FILM" D Telegraph

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 Denys Arcand's Prizewinning film JESUS OF MONTREAL (18) Progs. 1.00 3.30 6.05 8.40 Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm. SEATS BOOKABLE ACCESS /VISA.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 Denys Arcand's Prizewinning film JESUS OF MONTREAL (18) Progs 1.00 3.30 6.05 8.40 Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm. SEATS BOOKABLE ACCESS /VISA.

RENOIR Brunswick Sq. WC1 (Russell Square Tube) 837 8402 1. Jim JARMUSCH'S MYSTERY TRAIN (18) Progs. 1.40 4.00 6.25 8.50 2. THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER (18) Progs 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.35 ENDS THURS. STARTS FRI 26 Idrissa OUEDRAOGO'S YAABA (PG)

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TELEVISION CHOICE

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● Tonight's episode of **Making News** (ITV, 9.00pm) is rather old news since its central story is about Romanian refugees escaping to Hungary from President Ceausescu and his secret police. One of the dangers of tearing stories from the headlines is that the headlines can swiftly change. Not that the writer Keith Dewhurst, any more than the rest of us, could have foreseen the abrupt demise of the Ceausescu regime. The moral for *Making News* may be to keep away from Eastern Europe for a while. First aired as a pilot last year and now promoted to a series, *the show is still feeling its way.* It

Covering the news: Tony Osoba (left) and Ian Bleasdale in Budapest (ITV, 9.00pm)

employs the well-tried format of focusing on a group of professionals – in this case journalists working for a television news company – and overlapping several story-lines. As in similarly constructed series (*Casualty*, *The Bill*), the dramatic conflicts arise both from exploits in the field and within an organization with a strict hierarchy. It is a useful way of varying the texture, moving from the grim to the flippant, and avoiding the limitations imposed by a central character. *Thus Making News can switch* from the big story on Romania to trivia such as a milkman driving his float into the river and an emu at large on the M4 and change the spotlight as plot dictates from station boss to star reporters and callow beginner. *The potential is clearly there* but on the evidence so far the series is some way short of achieving the pace and polish of *The Bill*, another product of Thames Television and available for comparison tonight.

● Just half an hour earlier, **After Henry** (ITV, 8.30pm) is back for a fourth series. Simon Brett's gentle sitcom about the widow, the nosy mother and the errant daughter started on radio and worked so well there that a transfer to television seemed unnecessary. But after a brief period of settling in on the part of both the production and the viewer it has worked splendidly. Brett's scripts are low-key and economical on incident but suffused with a sharp appreciation of *character which enables him to sidestep* the clichés of the two mother-daughter relationships. The catalyst for tonight's up-to-standard episode is Claire's new boyfriend, an impeccably courteous and crushingly dull dentist. Flattery gets him everywhere with the imperious Eleanor (Joan Sanderson), while Sarah (Prunella Scales) is not so sure.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Kirsty Wark. Includes regular news headlines, business and financial reports, sports *bulletins, regional news,* weather and travel information,and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Viewers comment on yesterday's television. Presented by Jayne Irving
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with **Playdays** (r) **10.50 Poddington Peas** (r) **10.55** Five to Eleven. Iain Cuthbertson with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** With Eamonn Holmes and Jayne Irving.
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** *Joining Judi Spiers* and Andy Craig in today's edition of the magazine series is Floella Benjamin with another report on *The Perils of Parenthood* **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Henry is devastated when Scott tells him that Bronwyn saw him kissing Melanie. (Ceefax) **1.50 Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly hosts another round of the European quiz show.
2.15 Film: Happy Endings (1982) starring John Schneider and Catherine Hicks. Romantic comedy about two single people who move in as neighbours in an apartment block and discover that having both recently separated from their partners isn't the only thing they have in common. Directed by Noel Black
3.50 Green Claws with Nick Mercer and Stella Goodier **4.05 Hokey Wolf** (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** Peter Davison with part two of Lewis Carroll's *Alice Through the Looking Glass* **4.25 The New Yogi Bear Show 4.35 Knowhow.** *Beverley Wood and Mark Salter are* joined by the Fylde Junior Land Yacht Club and special guest Sinitta.
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode seven of the 20-part serial (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Holiday 90. John Pitman visits Benidorm; Kathy Tayler takes a break in a Pembrokeshire cottage; and Anne Gregg and Eamonn Holmes have more clues to the *mystery* postcard competition (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. Michelle has an unexpected visitor. (Ceefax)
8.00 Porridge: Poetic Justice. A new cell-mate turns out to be an old acquaintance, but Fletch is suspicious when the newcomer is treated with *kid*-gloves by the officers. Starring Ronnie Barker and Maurice Denham (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman is joined by team captains Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham and this week's guests Sally Gunnell, *Alex McLeish, John Gallagher* and Thierry Boutsen. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 A Sense of Guilt. Episode two of Andrea Newman's seven-part drama serial, Felix and Sally get more passionately entwined, but find that covering up their affair is leading them into deeper waters of lies and deceit with the people around them. (Ceefax)
10.20 Film 90 with Barry Norman. Barry reviews Michael Douglas's latest film, *Black Rain*, in which he is a detective assigned to track down a ruthless Japanese killer, plus a look at *Casualties of War*, based on the true story of a Vietnam platoon leader (Sean Penn) and the man (Michael J. Fox) who decides to stand up to his excessive use of violence and institutional cover-ups. Tom Brook reports *from New* York on women working in the cinema.
10.50 Network. In the light of such telethon appeals as Children In Need and Comic Relief, Anna Ford is joined by this week's guests and a *studio audience to discuss* charity fund-raising on television
11.40 Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **News** and **Good Morning Britain** introduced by Linda Mitchell and, from **7.00**, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. Includes news at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** *and* **9.00** *and the* second part of the Paul McCartney interview at **8.20. After Nine** includes ideas on revitalizing your wardrobe
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes financial advice, the answers to needlecraft problems and David Bellamy in the hedgerows and heathland. With national news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy. For the young **12.30 Home and Away.** *Alison eavesdrops on a* conversation between Summer Bay's newlyweds, Frank and Bobby, and discovers the identity of Bobby's mother
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather **1.20 Thames News** and weather **1.30 Santa Barbara**
2.00 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes
2.30 Take the High Road. Eric feels rather uncomfortable when he bumps into an old friend and a fierce gale causes considerable damage in Glendarroch.
3.00 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades presented by Michael Parkinson. This afternoon Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Sandra Dickinson, Christopher Biggins, Peter Blake, Kate Robbins, Alan Titchmarsh and Anna Dawson **3.25 Thames News** and weather **3.30 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama serial
4.00 Fraggle Rock 4.15 Bugs Bunny. Cartoon (r) **4.20 T-Bag and the Pearls of Wisdom** starring Georgina Hale. This week, Sally's *search for the missing pearls* takes her back to 18th-century England **4.40 Count Duckula**
5.10 Blockbusters
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News followed by **Crimestoppers**
6.50 Thames Help. The first of three programmes examining debt
7.00 Emmerdale. Lynn Whiteley reveals to Rachel that she knows about her affair with Pete. Meanwhile, Amos's production of *Dracula* is ready at last.
7.30 Thames Reports examines the Police Complaints Authority's handling of the clashes on the Wapping picket line
8.00 The Bill: A Clean Division. DC Carver's career is on the line when he's breathalyzed by an officer *from another division and is found to* be over the limit. (Oracle)
8.30 After Henry (see Choice)
9.00 Making News. (Oracle) (see Choice)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald. Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.35 Viewpoint 90: Lines of Blood. A documentary about the war against the Colombian drug barons and whether the money used in the fight could be put to better use
11.35 News-Swap. A new series in which Sarah Dunant in London exchanges the week's news stories and topical observations with her counterpart in Moscow, Leonid Zolotarevsky.
12.05am Film: Nightmares (1983). Horror anthology, starring Cristina Raines, Emilio Estevez, Joe Lambie and Marie Clare Costello in a quartet of terrifying tales, featuring killer rats, escaped madmen and a priest who's lost his faith. Directed by Joseph Sargent
2.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Gloating Place A television reporter investigates the murders of two schoolgirls (r). (Oracle)
2.30 News headlines followed by **Donahue.** A discussion on voodoo
3.30 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club
4.00 News headlines followed by **Entertainment UK.** A weekly guide to the latest in films, music, theatre *and dance from all over the country.*
5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Ceefax
9.25 Daytime on Two: German for beginners **9.40** Going to hospital **10.00** Science for the young **10.15** *Learning to read* series **10.40** Investigating science **11.00** Pipe music **11.15** Children's relationships with adults **11.35** Science challenge **10.55** Tutorial topics **12.15** Radioactivity **12.35** Britain's redundant farmland **12.55** Italian for beginners **1.20** *Pigeon Street* **1.40** The A5 Holyhead to London road
2.00 News and weather followed by a series for the young
2.15 See Hear! (r) **2.40 Arthur Negus Enjoys** Luton Hoo (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** Includes Prime Minister's Question Time **3.50** News, regional news and weather
4.00 Catchword Puzzle game
4.30 Behind the Headlines with Robert Robinson and Loyd Grossman
5.00 Advice Shop. The housing *problems* faced by *the elderly*
5.30 First Time Planting (r) (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Prototype (1983) starring Christopher Plummer and David Morse. A Nobel Prize-winning scientist creates a sophisticated humanoid robot but it is tampered with when in Washington and turned into a fighting machine. Directed by David Greene
7.35 Bilko (b/w) (r)
8.00 Taking Liberties: Suddenly Last Summer . . . David Jessel reports on what increasingly appears to be a change in the Government's commitment to people seeking political asylum
8.30 *Food and* **Drink.** A report from Japan includes the recipe for salmon teriyaki
9.00 *Hit and Run.* Ruby Wax starts out at the local launderette and ends up at a family reunion in the southside of Chicago
9.30 The Lane. Profiles of Charlie and Damien, streetfighters in their 20s who hope to make it professionally in the ring
10.15 Design Sense. The importance of the cult and culture of coffee
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show *includes a preview of the Independent on Sunday* **11.55 Weather**
12.00 Behind the Headlines See 4.30. Ends at **12.35am**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 The Senior Service. Magazine for the older viewer (Oracle)
2.15 Consuming Passions. Ex-diplomat Andrew Johnstone who is a dedicated animator (Oracle)
2.45 Black Forest Clinic. Medical drama serial (r)
3.35 Murun Buchstansangur
3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A discussion on famous women and alcoholism. The guests include Liza Minnelli
4.30 Countdown
5.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w)
5.30 Street Hockey. The Streetforce Titans v the Street Warriors in the final of the Tennent's Super National Championship.
6.00 Gophers! Comedy series set in an animal world
6.30 The Cosby Show (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather**
8.00 By Word of Mouth. Storytellers of all ages from different cultures with a wealth of tales to tell. (Oracle)
8.30 That's Entertaining. Richard Cawley helps his sister to put on a *rather special family lunch.* (Oracle)
9.00 Film: Defence Counsel Sedov (1988. b/w) starring Vladimir Ilyin. Set in Moscow in 1937. Defence Counsel Sedov is approached by three women who plead with him to take on the apparently hopeless task *of saving their agronomist* husbands who have been convicted of sabotage and sentenced to death. Directed by Yevgeny Tsymbal
9.50 Musician and Death. A Czech animated film.
10.00 Chelmsford 123. Comedy set in Roman Britain
10.30 The Secret Cabaret. *Illusionist* Simon Drake presents this alternative magic show. With James Randi,Geno Munari, Ricky Jay, Stromboli and Jeanin Lionet and Tony Andruzzi
11.00 Big Big Country. The third in Hank Wangford's series exploring country and western *music*
12.00 Is It Easy To Be Young? A portrait of Soviet youth by Latvian director Yuris Podnieks. Ends at **1.30am**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Sky News **6.30** European Business Channel **6.00** The DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky by Day **11.30** A Problem Shared **12.00** Another World **12.55pm** General Hospital **1.50** As the World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** The Young Doctors **3.45** Captain Caveman **4.00pm** Godzilla **4.30** The New Leave it to Beaver **5.00** Sky Star Search **6.00** The New Price is Right **6.30** Sale of the Century **7.00** Frank Bough's World **8.00** Film: The Gift of Love **9.30** The Hitchhiker **10.00** Jameson Tonight **11.00** Sky World News Tonight **11.30** Voyagers!

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
5.00am World Business Report **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** World Business Report **10.30** Frank Bough **11.30** World Business Report **1.30pm** NBC Today **2.30** Parliament Live **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time Live **3.30** Parliament Live **4.30** NBC Today **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** Frank Bough **9.30** Target **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** Frank Bough **1.30** Target **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** Frank Bough **4.30** Target

SKY MOVIES

From **8.00am The Satellite Shop**
2.00pm My Dad Can't Be Crazy . . . Can He? (1989) A young boy's *father suffers from a nervous breakdown*
3.00 Home at Last A New York orphan is adopted by Swedish immigrant farmers
4.00 The Pinchcliffe Grand Prix (1981): A children's adventure about a car race in the small village of Pinchcliffe
6.00 Carry On Camping (1972): The *Carry On* team pitch their tents and come up with some campsite *double entendres*
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Brazil (1985): Terry Gilliam's nightmarish vision of the future
10.30 Midnight Crossing (1988): A sailing holiday leads to a treasure hunt
12.15pm Assault on Precinct 13 (1976): An isolated police station is under siege by a street gang
1.45 The Falcon and the Snowman (1985): Fact-based spy story about friends (Timothy Hutton and Sean Penn) dealing government secrets to the Soviet Union in the Seventies
4.00 Can't Buy Me Love (1987): To gain popularity, a high-school student "rents" the most popular girl in his class for a week. Ends at **5.30am**

EUROSPORT

6.00am World Business Report **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kat **8.30** Menu **9.00** Australian Open Tennis **11.00** Basketball **1.00pm** Ringside – Best of Superbouts: Ali v Norton **2.00** NHL Ice Hockey **4.00** Motor Sport **5.00** Australian Open Tennis **6.00** Eurosport – What A Week! **7.00** World Cup Ski Jumping **8.00** Australian Open Tennis ***9.00*** *World Championship of Motor Sport* **10.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling **11.00** World Cup Skiing **12.00** Curling

MTV

5.30am Club MTV **6.00** Kristiane Backer **11.00** *Remote Control* **11.30** Kristiane Backer **1.00pm** Marcel Vanthilt 4.[illegible] from **1 4.15** Marcel Vanthilt **5.00** Remote Control **5.30** Club MTV **6.00** Ray [illegible] **8.00** Yo! **8.30** Top 20 **10.00** Maiken Wexo **1.00am** Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Spanish Soccer **8.45** Pro Bowlers **10.00** US Professional Boxing **11.30** Ice Hockey **1.30pm** Rugby League **3.00** Powersports **4.00** Ice Hockey **6.00** French Rugby League **7.30** Spanish Soccer **9.15** Cycling **10.15** 89 French Porsche Turbo Cup **11.15** US Pro Ski Tour **11.45** Pro Bowlers

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Fitness Minute **10.01** Search for Tomorrow **10.25** Slim Cooking **10.55** Spain Spain **11.00** Coffee Break **11.10** Edge of Night **11.35** Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** Body Talk **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.50** Cop Shop **2.40** Search For Tomorrow **3.05** Teabreak **3.15** Cinema **4.45** American Gameshows

● *Full information on satellite TV* programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 2.15pm-3.50 Indoor Bowls **6.30-7.00** Wales Today **9.30** Week In Week Out **10.00-10.50** Sense of Guilt **11.40** Film 90 **12.10am-12.15** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Sportswide **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **9.30** Sense of Guilt **10.45** Further Down the Road **11.35** Film 90 **12.05am** Network **12.55** Close **ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: 7.35pm-8.00 Indoor Bowls

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** Anglia News **1.30-2.00** Sullivans **6.30-7.00** About Anglia **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** Film. Orson Field **2.00am** *Night Gallery* **2.30** *America's Top Ten* **3.00** Entertainment UK **4.00-5.00** American College Football.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** International Sheepdog Trials **2.30-3.00** Santa Barbara **3.20-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00-6.30** Lookaround Tuesday **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** I Spy **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.15** Film: Hannie Caulder **3.45** Comedy Store **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **1.30-2.00** Magic Wok **6.25-7.00** News **7.30-8.00** Earthdwellers Guide **11.35** Future World **1.35am** Elton John **2.35** Sportsweek **3.35** Pick of the Week **3.55-5.00** Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Video Fashion **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** TV Weekly **7.30-8.00** *Survival* **11.35** *Tour of Duty* **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Sky Track **2.00** Fugitive **3.00** Rap It Up **4.00** Music Box **4.05** Crusade in Europe **4.30-5.00** About Britain.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm** Grampian News **1.30-2.00** Off the Page **2.30-3.00** Sullivans **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** Matlock **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.30** Film Hannie Caulder **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** In the Heat of the Night **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.15** Film: Hannie Caulder **3.45** Comedy Store **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Sullivans **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00-6.30** News **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** Fugitive **12.30am** Film. Adventurers **2.20** Donahue **3.15** 60 Minutes **4.10** About Britain **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm** Scotland Today **1.30-2.00** Scottish Fronteers **2.30-3.00** The Way It Was **3.30-4.00** Sullivans **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** Kojak **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.00** Film Holiday on the Buses **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Coronation Street **2.30-3.00** Santa Barbara 3.27-4.00 **Home and Away** 6.00 **Today** 6.30-7.00 **Who's the Boss?** 7.30-8.00 **Survival** 11.35 **Casey Kasem's Rock and Roll Goldmine** 12.35am **Tour of Duty** 1.30 **Wrestling** 2.15 **Film: Hannie Caulder** 3.45 **Comedy Store** 4.05 **About Britain** 4.35-5.00 **Farming News.**

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Video Fashion **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** TV Weekly **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** Tour of Duty **12.30am** Donahue **1.35** Skytrack **2.00** Fugitive **3.00** Rap It Up **4.00** Music Box **4.05** Crusade in Europe **4.30-5.00** About Britain.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Cover Story (Julio Iglesias) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** Crime Story **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.10** Film: Hannie Caulder **3.45** Comedy Store **4.00** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Newstime **1.30-2.00** About Britain **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00-6.30** Six Tonight **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** Kojak **12.35am** Tour of Duty **1.30** Wrestling **2.15** Film: Hannie Caulder **4.05** About Britain **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Invitation to Remember (Leslie Phillips) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00-6.30** Calendar **7.30-8.00** Survival **11.35** Fem Three Men and a Cradle **1.30am** Taxi **2.05** 60 Minutes **3.05** Music Box **4.05** About Britain **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder

S4C Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.25** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** News **12.35** Ty Chwith **1.00** Time to Remember **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Senior Service **2.15** Bartamada **2.30** Gnostics **3.30** Land of the Giants **4.30** Countdown **5.00** Treasure Hunt **6.00** News **6.15** Hafoc **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Awyr Iach **7.30** Llygad Yr Haul **8.00** Dinas **8.30** News **8.55** Y Ffilm Sgwar **10.00** Drink – Under the Influence **11.00** Big Big Country **12.00** Film: Is It Easy to be Young? **1.30am** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **12.30pm** Head to Toe **1.00** News **1.30** Carson's Law **2.25** Heritage From Stone **3.00** 'Live' At Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Perry Mason **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Rapid Roulette **7.30** Crown and Shamrock **8.00** Major Dad **8.30** Check Up **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Open Eye **10.40** Campion **11.40** Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Pepper **3.30** Mr Merlin **4.10** How Do You Do **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Kids of Degrassi Street 5.25 **Gophers** 6.00 **Jo-Maxi** 6.30 **Home and Away** 7.00 **Nanchit** 7.05 **Cursai** 7.30 **Glenroe** 8.00 **Streets of San Francisco** 9.00 **Empty Nest** 9.30 **Top of the Hill** 10.30 **Network News** 10.50 **Nighthawks** 11.30 **Executive Stress** 12.00 **Closedown.**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **4.30pm**, then at **7.30, 8.30** and **10.00pm**
6.00am Jakki Brambles **8.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Goes to Your Place **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.30** News '90 with Sybil Ruscoe and Alan Robb **6.00** Mark Goodier **7.30** My Top 10 **8.30** John Peel **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-2.00am** Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW
News on the hour
Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Alex Lester **5.30** David Allan **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** A House in a Garden **4.00** Adrian Love **5.05** Heather Couper **7.00** The Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** When Housewives Had the Choice **10.00** *The Hot Club* **10.30** Thirty Minutes' Worth **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am Morgenmagazin **5.35** News in German **5.47** Sports News **5.50** Book Choice **5.55** Weather and Travel News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News **7.30** Europe's World **7.45** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** The Atlantic Story **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News; Sports Roundup **9.45** Sounding Brass **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Sports International **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Waveguide **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Newsreel **12.15pm** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News **1.30** Network UK **1.45** The Story Lives On **2.00** World News; Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: The Russia House **2.45** Sounding Brass **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** The World Today **5.30** Londres Soir **6.14** News Headlines in English **6.15** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** German Features **7.54** Nachrichten **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Business Matters **9.30** Megamix **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** Commentary **11.10** Financial News **11.15** Concert Hall **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Against the Grain **1.45** Country Style **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Health Matters **2.30** The Atlantic Story **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Discovery **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Nachrichten und Presseschau

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Nielsen (Overture to Maskarade: Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra under Salonen); Paganini (Centone di Sonata, Op 64 No 1: Itzhak Perlman, violin, and John Williams, guitar); Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice: Dallas Symphony Orchestra under Mata)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): *Mercadante* (*Clarinet* Concerto in B flat: Pforzheim CO under Paul Angerer with Thomas Friedli, clarinet); Rachmaninov (Suite No 2: Ingryd Thorson and H. Thurber, piano duet); Goldmark (Overture, Im Frühling: Budapest PO under Andras Korodi)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Robert Schumann (Frauenliebe und leben: Lotte Lehmann, soprano, and Bruno Walter, piano); (Symphony No 1, Spring: Concertgebouw Orchestra under Bernard Haitink)
9.35 Baroque Magnificats: BBC Singers and the English Chamber Orchestra under Kurt Redel perform Zelenka's Magnificat and Telemann's Magnificat in C. With Tracey Chadwell, soprano, Charles Brett, counter, John Mark Ainsley, tenor, and Stephen Varcoe, baritone
10.15 Garrick Ohlsson: The pianist plays Haydn's Sonata in B minor, H XVI 32; Variations in F minor, H XVI 6, and Beethoven's Sonata in A, Op 2 No 2 (r)
11.05 Poet of the Month: Lyubomir Nikolov reads from his work
11.10 *British Music for Oboe and* Strings: Elisabeth Lutyens (String Quartet No 6); Francis Routh (Tragic Interludes for oboe solo) and Holst (Phantasiestücke). Performed by Allegri String Quartet, with Robin Canter, oboe
11.40 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk, led by Ben Buurman, performs Sibelius (Lemminkainen's Return); Lyell Cresswell (Cello Concerto); Prokofiev (Sinfonietta); Rimsky-Korsakov (Suite, The Snow Maiden)
1.00pm News
1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Live from St David's Hall, Cardiff. David Campbell, clarinet, and Andrew Ball, piano, play Schumann's Fantasy Pieces Op 73; Martinů's Sonata; *Lutoslawski's Five Dance Preludes;* Paul Harvey's Three Etudes on Themes of *Gershwin;* Messager's Solo *des concours*
2.00 Glocken (new series): Devised and presented by Charles Bodman Rae. First of three programmes exploring music influenced by the sound of central European bells, including those of Würzburg, Fraiburg, Speyer and Frankfurt. Featured are: Schubert's Das Zügenglöcklein, D 871; Liszt's Sposalizio, La Campanella, Ave Maria, Die Glocken des Strassburger Munsters; Carillon; Abendglocken and Ihr Glocken von Marling; Wagner's Parsifal; Grieg's Klokkeklang from the Lyric Pieces, played in its original piano version and in an orchestration by Seidl; Mahler's Symphony No 3 (fifth movement) and his Symphony No 4; and Charles Bodman Rae's Fulgura Frango for two pianos
4.00 Songs and Preludes by Bach: Performed by Helmut Krebs (tenor), Suki Towb (cello) and Celia Harper (harpsichord and organ) (r)
4.30 Rubbra and Bax: Erich Gruenberg, violin, and John McCabe, piano, perform Rubbra's Sonata No 1 (first broadcast) and Bax's Sonata No 2
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Lyndon Jenkins
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Margaret Walters talks with the Israeli novelist David Grossman, the author of *See Under: Love*, a novel *in which a child attempts to understand the mentality of* the "Nazi beast"
7.30 BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes performs Isang Yun's Muak, dance fantasy; Messiaen's Poèmes pour Mi; and Debussy's La Mer. With Jill *Gomez, soprano*
8.45 Drama Now: Paradise. Barrie Keeffe's study of the last months of Robespierre. With Karl Johnson as Robespierre, James Aubrey as Saint Just, Oliver Cotton as Danton, Nicholas Gibrook *as Simon, Danny* Schiller as executioner and Christopher Good as Barere
11.00 Composers of the Week: Janáček. Sinfonietta.. The Cunning Little Vixen. Act 1 (r)
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, Weather ***6.10*** *Farming Today* **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** *Yesterday in Parliament* **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411. This week's subject is public attitudes to homosexuality
10.00 News; Medicine Now with Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: Tony Kytes, the Arch-Deceiver, by Thomas Hardy. Read by Bill Wallis
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Citizens
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Bedbugs: Golden Slumbers. Lynn Ten Kate continues her series about beds and, in the last of five programmes, meets people who recognize the potential of beds
12.00 *News; You and Yours* with John Howard
12.25pm Carry On Up the Fifties: Part 4: The New Elizabethans. Harry Thompson with a selection of archive recordings vividly recalling life in the Fifties (r) ***12.55*** *Weather*
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Jean Snedegar discovers a new way to relax – through flotation; the sexual revolution of the Sixties is discussed; and an item on the disruption caused to children's lives when their parents move house
3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Clean Up. by Nan Woodhouse. A drive to tidy up the neighbourhood is led by Tom (Geoffrey Banks) (s)
3.32 Richard Baker compares Notes with Luke Rittner and Sir George Christie about the Arts Council (s)
4.00 *News*
4.05 The Local Network: Shoot-Out at the UK Corral. Reporters David Clayton and Neil Walker meet those around Britain who fancy themselves as cowboys and regularly work out their *western fantasies*
4.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News, *Financial Report*
6.30 The Senses: Six plays by Bob Sinfield. 4: Taste. A food-taster's lot in 14th-century Italy is not a happy one, particularly when dinner with the Borgias looms (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Stuart Simon reports from Nicaragua on next month's election, which the Sandinistas hope to win, carried by a wave of hostility against the United States
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Famous for 15 *Minutes:* Jenni Mills talks to six people who were famous for 15 minutes. Part 1: Erika Roe, who shot to fame in January 1982 when she ran topless across the pitch at Twickenham (r)
8.45 *In Touch: This week, the* programme examines how partially-sighted people can protect their eyes from glare. Presented by Peter White
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Behind the scenes of the new *production of Anthony* Burgess's *A Clockwork Orange*, including interviews with the production's director, Ron Daniels, and Phil Daniels who plays Alex; Murdo McDonald reviews Glasgow's exhibition of British Art; and an update on Glasgow as this year's European City of Culture (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Remains of the Day, by Kazuo Ishiguro (2 of 10)
11.00 Britannia – The Film: Sixth of an eight-part history of British cinema by Christopher Frayling (s) (r) (see Choice)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as **LW** except:
11.00am-12.00 For Schools (s) **1.55pm** Listening Corner (s) **2.00-3.00** For Schools (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Night School (s)

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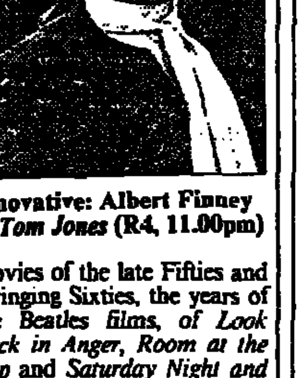
RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● **Britannia – the Film** (Radio 4, 11.00pm), the stable companion to *America – the Movie* of fond memory, is now six weeks into its eight-week repeat run, and if cinema history as a reflection of a nation's social attitudes interests you, you will have been ill-advised to have missed a single instalment of it. John Powell's documentary series has now reached the British



Innovative: Albert Finney in *Tom Jones* (R4, 11.00pm)

movies of the late Fifties and Swinging Sixties, the years of the Beatles films, of *Look Back in Anger*, *Room at the Top* and *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*. Alexander Walker, sharing the historian's role in the series with Christopher Frayling, accurately categorizes the decade as the era of sexual advancement and youth's exultation in its existence, on screen and off. Walker stamps these years *with an apt misquotation* from Wordsworth's *The Prelude*: "To be new is very Heaven." If there was a single film that synthesizes the innovative decade, it was *Tom Jones*, starring the young devil-may-care Albert Finney, and Frayling is right to use Tony Richardson's frenetic masterwork as the thread that runs through reel six of *Britannia – the Film.*

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Political progress hope in Ireland

By Edward Gorman
Irish Affairs Correspondent

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, yesterday invited Unionist leaders for talks with him, in the latest sign that political progress is likely in Northern Ireland.

Mr Haughey's invitation followed an unexpectedly warm reception by Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, to the Irish Prime Minister's comments on Sunday to the effect that he will be prepared to consider a replacement for the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Yesterday, Mr Haughey said any change in the status of the treaty could only happen through negotiation and with the agreement of Britain.

Senior Government sources in London said Mr Haughey's comments were not "unhelpful" but that there were no plans to change the agreement. They said it was unclear what Unionists intended to replace the agreement with.

The Unionist leadership has not changed its demand that before talks begin, operation of the agreement must be suspended for at least three months.

In making his invitation to Unionists, the second in the last two months, Mr Haughey alluded to the improving political climate in Ulster, following the devolution speech by Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on January 9.

The Taoiseach said the last couple of weeks had seen a broadening of the debate about the stakes for political progress, adding that he welcomed all contributions to that debate.

"There is a perception that the political climate may be more conducive to progress than at any time in the immediate past" Mr Haughey said.

He said a lasting solution to Northern Ireland would depend on the dynamics of three relationships: between the communities in Ulster itself; between Northern Ireland and the Republic; and between Britain and Ireland.

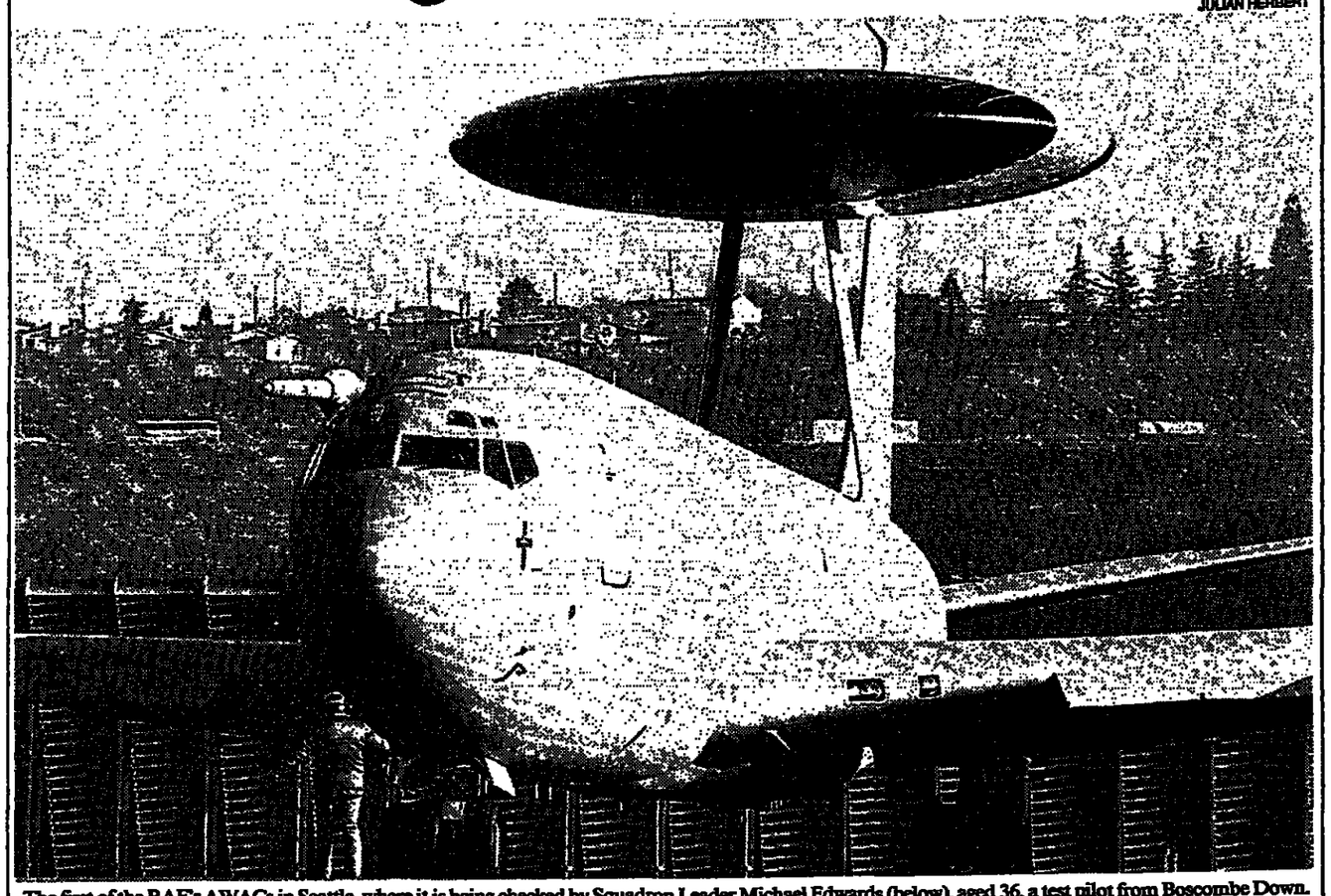
Earlier, Mr Molyneaux welcomed Mr Haughey's comments to the effect that the Anglo Irish Agreement was not cast in stone and could be replaced through negotiation.

"I don't say that we are through the woods yet," Mr Molyneaux said. "I am only saying that there is a kind of progression about all of this which has been going on for about two years.

"We are at last moving slowly and cautiously in the right direction and I think I could speak for most of the people in Northern Ireland, (who) would applaud that kind of advancement."

First airing for Britain's watchdog

JULIAN HERBERT



The first of the RAF's AWACs in Seattle, where it is being checked by Squadron Leader Michael Edwards (below), aged 36, a test pilot from Boscombe Down.

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The first of the RAF's seven new airborne early warning aircraft is now being put through its paces at the Boeing headquarters in Seattle.

Later this week an RAF Tristar, which has been flown to Seattle, will test the RAF's special system for transferring fuel in flight. Most of the airworthiness programmes will, however, be shared with the French, who have also ordered four AWACs jets.

Britain is paying Boeing $1.3 billion for the seven aircraft, a development of the Boeing 707s, which will remain on permanent patrol over the North Sea and the Iceland gap to spot any intruders into British airspace.

Boeing was chosen for the contract after a protracted battle with GEC, which had hoped to improve the radar in the British-built Nimrod reconnaissance aircraft so that it could carry out the work.

In return Boeing promised to provide $1.5 billion worth of work for British companies in "off-set" deals over an eight-year period. In the first two years since the contract was signed. A total of $671 million worth of such work has been approved so far by the Ministry of Defence.

The aircraft now flying from Boeing Field is painted in the RAF's new camouflage colours with the RAF roundels painted pink – a colour the Ministry of Defence prefers to call "toned down red".

Political sketch

Perfect specimens on display

"Questions to the Minister for the Arts will begin not later than 3.10pm."

Mr Richard Luce, arts minister and also minister for the Civil Service, was ready, at 3.10 pm yesterday.

There is a convention in public life that those with a vested interest do not conceal the fact. If, for example, you were an African elephant, your opinions on zoo-funding would need to be declared.

And if you were Dr John Marek (Lab, Wrexham) or Mr Frank Haynes (Lab, Ashfield) you would not demand free public admission to national museums without mentioning your eligibility for a glass display case of your own.

Dr Marek started it, yesterday, with a question to Richard Luce. What was the minister's policy, he asked "on compulsory admission charges to national museums"?

Mr Luce didn't seem to have one. It was "up to the trustees", he said.

Dr Marek was furious. If you can imagine how a *very* angry Dalek would speak, then you have his measure. The PM was recently said to be "fizzing" with rage. It is hard for Dr Dalek to fizz as he has a lisp, but he made the sort of sound you get when steam escapes from the craters of very thick boiling porridge.

Museum admissions were dropping wherever charges had been introduced, he said. They had dropped by 85 per cent at the Welsh National Museum.

Dr Marek's indignation has a curiously soothing quality and I began to daydream. I saw him, now, in my mind's eye, behind a glass case in Cardiff, and glanced at the catalogue-entry . . .

"MAREK, Dr JOHN, BSC (Hons) PhD MP. Born circa 1940. Lecturer in Applied Mathematics at Aberystwyth 1966-83. Labour spokesman on sundry matters. Publications: various research papers.

"A very nicely preserved example of a species already in decline when this specimen was still in early prime. Of high intelligence and leftish views, the habitat was almost entirely academia and the species never really adapted to the more vulgar "hunting-pack" environment of the 1990s. Very distinctive cry: spluttering, interminable. No real instinct for the jugular, but sometimes known to bore its prey into submission. Now very rare" . . .

I stirred in my daydream. Through the slumber came a great roar from the Labour benches below me. It would soon be sunset, and a Haynes was coming down to the waterhole to drink. The other animals giggled. "Let's have some action!" snarled the beast, "I want to know from the minister . . .", "We don't *want* charges! I have the full backing of the Nottinghamshire County Council!" It was little short of deafening.

I pictured the exhibit's inscription at the National History Museum (admissions down "40 per cent" Marek had told us) . . .

"HAYNES, Mr FRANK, MP. Born circa 1926. Fireman on the Southern Railway, then coal-miner.

"Classic example of a species already almost extinct. Working-class soap-box orator: origins genuine, ideology confused, cry – amongst the loudest in the E. Midlands. This aggressive but loyal beast proved hopelessly ill-equipped for the hunting methods of the Filofactyls which had infiltrated its herd. A tragic loss to archaeology."

I awoke. Mr Toby Jessel (C, Twickenham) was commending "the recent re-hanging at the Tate".

Mr Jessel has been a consistent supporter of capital punishment and the thought occurred to me that he had in this case become confused, believing that a "re-hanging" was some kind of a supercharged version of an ordinary hanging. I banished the thought, as Patrick Cormack (C, Staffs S) urged the minister to study a select committee report. Mr Cormack obviously knew all about it. He had the air of those people who say "ssshh!" to you in public galleries. The minister bit his lip, concurred, and squeaked off across the floorboards to another department.

It was the Civil Service Department. **"Questions to the Minister for the Civil Service" were to begin "not later than 3.20 pm."**

Matthew Parris

Cambridge agency site doubt

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

Councillors in Cambridge have publicly rejected the Government's attempt to secure for the city the European Environment Agency, for which every member state of the European Community is bidding.

The city council's environment committee is asking the full council to make "direct representations" to the European Commission opposing the plan.

Councillors felt that the agency in the city would add to the mushrooming development experienced by Cambridge in recent years, which has caused labour and housing shortages, and considerable traffic problems.

The news of the vote was yesterday greeted with astonishment in London and in Brussels. Mr Robert Rhodes-James, Conservative MP for Cambridge, said: "It's absolutely nuts. I am furious. The agency will involve about 50 jobs and the argument that this will add to congestion in the city is drivel."

A senior EC official said : "All the other bids for the agency have been strongly supported at the highest level by their municipalities. It is frankly staggering if the British Government have proposed Cambridge without floating the idea past the local authority."

The Department of the Environment said last night it was aware of the vote, but "this is not the message we are getting from senior officials of the council".

Even if the Labour-controlled council decides to oppose the agency, it is not certain whether it would require planning permission.

Inquiry ruled out

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the controversial prosecution of Mr Kevin Taylor on fraud charges.

In a Commons written reply to Mr Cecil Franks, the Conservative MP for Barrow and Furness, the Home Secretary said it was for the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester to consider whether proceedings against Mr Taylor indicated any misconduct by officers in his force and if so to institute an appropriate disciplinary or criminal investigation.

Last night members of the Conservative backbench home affairs committee discussed the issue with Mr Waddington.

Meanwhile Mr Stalker arranged last night to hand over to the Home Office the document which he says helps to prove that he was deliberately removed from his "shoot-to-kill" inquiry.

It consists of a collection of memos from the former head of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Sir John Hermon, and is believed to refer to a meeting of senior civil servants at which the decision to remove Mr Stalker was taken.

It would have been produced at Mr Taylor's trial if the case had not collapsed.

Anger grows in Baku

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had sealed the border, and were allowing Soviet Azerbaijanis back into the country only after strict controls.

Soviet troops in the troubled region were redeployed on Sunday. Tass said a large number of people were arrested, including a leading member of the "national defence committee" who was carrying weapons.

Attacks on military depots and government buildings continued in Armenia. Troops recovered some of the stolen weapons. Tass said that on Saturday an armed group attacked a ground-to-air missile detachment near Yerevan, but was repulsed.

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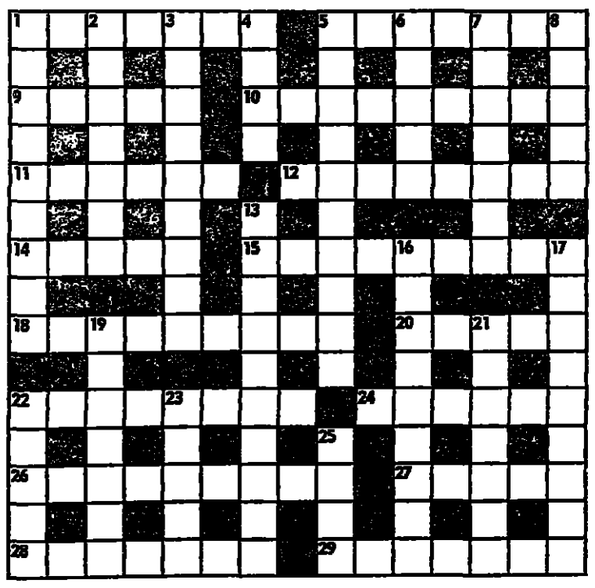


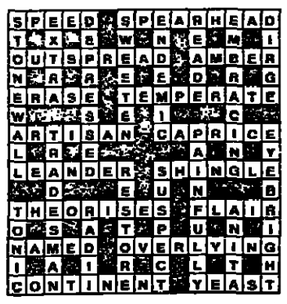
ACROSS

1 Drinking in college (7).
5 A swan, and two-thirds of a pig – some bird (7).
9 Musical instrument playing a sort of blue (5).
10 Dandy's showing a high temperature, and is inflamed (5-4).
11 Sigh for the sound of armour (6).
12 Man admits defeat and demands some explanation (8).
14 People having a row can be private in the back (5).
15 Is a one-man-operated train open to attack? (9).
18 Unqualified for position on stage (9).
20 Many a girl shows style (5).
22 Announce arrival of trains with ceremony (8).
24 Could you call him a materialist, being in commerce? Right (6).
26 Pretended a piece of glass is reported in the wine (9).
27 Ruinous in appearance, I was struggling (5).
28 Educationalist of curious interest, almost (7).
29 Those in best condition are ready to go to the match (7).

DOWN

1 Cook said gluttony had bad effects (9).
2 Recording includes Welsh singer (7).
3 One changing a lot may be vain – or not (9).
4 Pass the fish (4).
5 Academic has tie that's loose (10).
6 They are barely worth painting (5).
7 Keats's sweeter melodies not tried (7).
8 Starts off neat and tidy, then yearns to be smartly dressed (5).
13 Guard gerbil – endlessly wandering pet (10).
16 How to resolve the claims of mediaeval enquirer (9).
17 Token tried, but bent – shame (9).
19 Campaign, and rations for it? (7).
21 Record rainbow over site of industry (7).
22 Cuts wildly at the string (5).
23 Young Pooter found in bed (5).
25 Extra section for table takes two pages (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,197



WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ONCHOCERCIASIS
a. River blindness
b. A type of circular argument
c. Rule by lottery

GENNAKER
a. To argue for pleasure
b. A middle man
c. A kind of sail

TAMASHA
a. The yellow tomato
b. An entertainment
c. A Moslem veil

THANATISE
a. To kill
b. To clean
c. To prophecy

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WEATHER

A band of rain, heavy at times, over England and Wales, will move quickly south-eastwards. The whole of the country will have blustery showers, more especially in the west and north where some could be thundery. The showers will turn wintry over Scotland and the border counties. It will be windy in all parts. Outlook: sunny spells but also blustery, wintry showers, especially in the north and west.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Majorca	13	55	f
Akrotiri	14	57	f	Malaga	15	59	s
Alex'dria	16	61	f	Malta	14	57	c
Algiers	14	57	f	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Amst'dm	9	48	d	Mexico C*	15	59	c
Athens	13	55	s	Miami*	29	84	s
Bahrain	17	63	s	Milan	5	41	fg
Barbados*	26	79	f	Montreal*	-12	10	sn
Barcelna	11	52	s	Moscow	-2	28	sn
Belgrade	10	50	s	Munich	9	48	s
Berlin	10	50	c	Nairobi	24	75	c
Bermuda*	22	72	f	Naples	15	59	s
Biarritz	11	52	s	N Delhi	25	77	s
Borde'x	5	41	s	N York*	1	34	c
Brussels	8	46	c	Nice	14	57	s
Budapst	11	52	s	Oslo	6	43	c
B Aires*	33	91	s	Paris	5	41	r
Cairo	16	61	f	Peking	-2	28	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Perth	25	77	c
C'blanca	15	59	s	Prague	9	48	s
Chicago*	-2	28	c	Reykjvik	0	32	f
Ch'church	14	57	c	Rhodes	11	52	s
Cologne	8	46	c	Rio de J	29	84	f
C'phagn	7	45	c	Riyadh	22	72	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Rome	13	55	s
Dublin	9	48	s	Salzburg	8	46	s
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	S Frisco*	9	48	s
Faro	16	61	s	Santiago*	31	88	s
Florence	9	48	s	S Paulo*	23	73	r
Frankfurt	5	41	s	Seoul	-9	16	s
Funchal	17	63	f	Sing'por	-	-	-
Genéva	6	43	s	St'kholm	1	34	d
Gibraltar	16	61	s	Strasb'rg	6	43	f
Helsinki	-10	14	sn	Sydney	22	72	c
Hong K	15	59	c	Tangier	16	61	s
Innsbrck	5	41	s	Tel Aviv	15	59	f
Istanbul	5	41	r	Tenerife	19	66	s
Jeddah	26	79	s	Tokyo	9	48	s
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Toronto*	-6	21	sn
Karachi	31	88	s	Tunis	12	54	r
L Palmas	19	66	f	Valencia	13	55	s
Le Tquet	11	52	c	Vanc'ver*	5	41	r
Lisbon	10	50	s	Venice	1	34	fg
Locarno	9	48	s	Vienna	10	50	c
L Angels*	15	59	s	Warsaw	0	32	c
Luxembg	1	34	c	Wash'ton*	13	55	f
Luxor	21	70	s	Wel'ngton	22	72	s
Madrid	6	43	s	Zurich	1	34	fg

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.06 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.0 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,023.5 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Leeds, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 08C (46F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.43 in; highest sunshine: Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 3.9 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 07C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.161 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.3 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 06C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 05C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.087 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.0 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.9	-	13	55	sunny
Hunstanton	1.0	-	12	54	cloudy
Cromer	1.7	-	13	55	cloudy
Lowestoft	2.3	-	12	54	sunny
Clacton	1.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Southend	0.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.2	.06	11	52	rain
Bognor R	0.5	.03	10	50	rain
Southsea	0.3	.06	11	52	cloudy
Sandown	0.2	.15	11	52	shower
Bournemth	0.1	.22	11	52	shower
Poole	-	.22	12	54	rain
Swanage	0.5	.15	11	52	drizzle
Weymouth	0.7	.10	12	54	drizzle
Exmouth	-	.11	12	54	drizzle
Teignmouth	-	.12	13	55	rain
Torquay	-	.19	12	54	rain
Falmouth	-	.04	13	55	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.04	12	54	rain
St. Ives	-	.32	13	55	rain
Minehead	-	.03	13	55	drizzle
B'pool Airpt	0.9	-	13	55	cloudy
Morecambe	1.5	.08	13	55	drizzle
Douglas	-	.03	10	50	rain
Aspatria	0.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Buxton	-	.07	10	50	dull
Leeds	2.2	-	14	57	cloudy
Nottingham	0.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Anglesey	-	.04	11	52	rain
Colwyn Bay	0.6	.11	13	55	rain
Tenby	-	.07	11	52	drizzle
Aberdeen	0.8*	-	11	52	bright
Aviemore	1.5	.07	11	52	dull
Eskdalemuir	-	.43	10	50	rain
Kinloss	1.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Lerwick	0.1	.13	8	46	cloudy
Prestwick	0.7	.02	12	54	drizzle
Stornoway	-	.15	11	52	rain
Wick	0.5	.01	11	52	bright
Belfast	0.9	.01	13	55	rain

These are Sunday's figures

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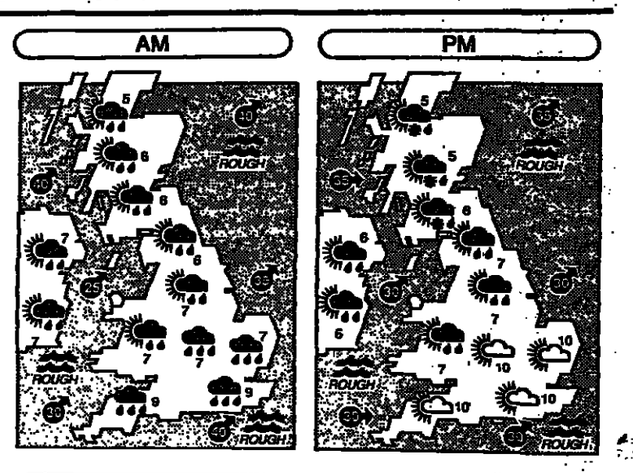


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.34 pm to 8.51 am
Bristol 4.44 pm to 8.00 am
Edinburgh 4.26 pm to 8.22 am
Manchester 4.34 pm to 8.07 am
Penzance 4.00 pm to 8.07 am

Sun rises: 7.52 am
Sun sets: 4.34 pm
Moon rises 5.55 am
Moon sets 12.41 pm
New Moon January 25

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	6	43s		Guernsey	11	52f	
B'mngham	11	52f		Inverness	5	41r	
Blackpool	9	48s		Jersey	11	52c	
Bristol	11	52s		London	12	54f	
Cardiff	11	52f		M'chester	9	48f	
Edinburgh	7	45s		Newcastle	9	48s	
Glasgow	7	45f		R'nldsway	9	48s	

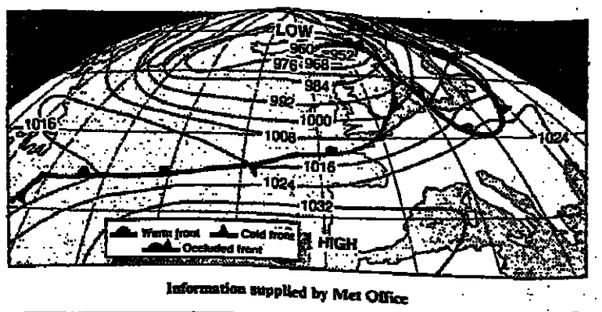
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.09	5.5	11.52	5.8
Aberdeen	11.05	3.5	11.37	3.5
Avonmouth	4.24	10.1	4.51	10.4
Belfast	8.34	3.0	8.57	2.9
Cardiff	4.09	9.5	4.36	9.7
Devonport	2.38	4.6	3.12	4.5
Dover	8.36	5.3	9.08	5.4
Falmouth	2.08	4.4	2.40	4.3
Glasgow	10.36	4.0	10.34	3.9
Harwich	9.11	3.1	9.25	3.2
Holyhead	8.04	4.6	8.34	4.5
Hull	3.41	5.8	4.03	6.0
Ilfracombe	3.21	7.1	3.49	7.2
King's Lynn	3.47	4.8	4.11	5.1
Leith	—	—	12.14	4.5

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	8.46	7.5	9.15	7.6
Lowestoft	6.52	2.0	7.15	2.1
Margate	9.29	3.8	9.50	4.0
Milford Haven	3.42	5.4	4.07	5.4
Newquay	2.38	5.5	3.02	5.5
Oban	3.42	3.2	4.03	3.2
Penzance	1.47	4.6	2.18	4.5
Portland	3.30	1.5	4.12	1.4
Portsmouth	8.49	3.9	9.30	3.8
Shoreham	8.35	4.9	9.15	5.0
Southampton	8.22	3.8	9.08	3.8
Swansea	3.39	7.4	4.04	7.5
Tees	1.03	4.2	1.30	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	9.08	3.3	9.35	3.4

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

NOON TODAY



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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6390 (–0.0065)

W German mark
2.8215 (+0.0094)

Exchange index
88.2 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1840.1 (–27.9)

FT-SE 100
2297.1 (–37.9)

USM (Datastream)
157.21 (–0.09)

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GEC wins train order

GEC-Alsthom, the Franco-British engineer, has won a Fr6 billion (£631 million) order for 90 high-speed TGV trains from SNCF, the French national rail company. GEC-Alsthom is a joint venture, between General Electric and France's Compagnie Générale d'Electricité of which Alsthom is part. Manufacture will be carried out in France but it is expected that most work will be shared. Orders for the TGV total 330. **Comment, page 25**

Swain rises

Large amounts of the London Transport network still lack effective fire protection Menvier-Swain the biggest business in the UK making the equipment said. Pre-tax profit jumped 50 per cent to £2.43 million. The interim rises from 1.6p to 2.1p

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L&G jumps

Legal & General reports a 65 per cent rise to £1.66 billion in new business in 1989.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 2642.12 (–35.78)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 37257.01 (+420.47)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2771.65 (–4.64)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 113.2 (–0.4)
Sydney: AO ..... 1672.1 (–1.8)
Frankfurt: DAX ..... 1779.30 (+5.74)
Brussels:
General ..... 6440.65 (–8.39)
Paris: CAC ..... 534.31 (–0.75)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 611.2 (–1.5)
London:
FT.–A All-Share . 1153.98 (–15.48)
FT.– "500" ..... 1258.10 (–18.36)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 321.8 (–7.6)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 91.42 (–0.08)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 81.34 (–0.24)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Harland Simon ..... 715p (+20p)
Hoskyns Group ..... 353½p (+26p)
Micro Focus ..... 537½p (+25p)
DAKS Simpson 'A' . 487½p (+15p)
Chancery ..... 176½p (+12p)
Gresham House ..... 415p (+20p)
News Corp ..... 617½p (+10p)
FALLS:
Ladbroke ..... 310½p (–12p)
BOC ..... 516p (–14p)
BTR ..... 427½p (–14p)
Glaxo ..... 718p (–23p)
Coloroll ..... 28½p (–34p)
Cookson ..... 260½p (–13p)
Sharpe & Fisher ..... 91½p (–10p)
Guinness ..... 660½p (–12p)
Grand Met ..... 608p (–12p)
Whitbread 'A' ..... 393p (–11p)
Closing prices
Bargains 25978
SEAQ Volume 365.0m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month Interbank 15¼-15 3/16%
3-month eligible bills: 14 19/32-14½%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.70-7.69%*
30-year bonds 98 1/32-98 1/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6390	£: $1.6395*
£: DM2.8215	$: DM1.7220*
£: SwFr2.5101	$: SwFr1.5315*
£: FFr9.5996	$: FFr5.8520*
£: Yen240.02	$: Yen146.43*
£: Index:88.2	$: Index:68.0
ECU £0.723309	SDR £0.797061
£: ECU1.382534	£: SDR1.254609

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $406.70 pm-$406.00
close $405.00-405.50 (£247.00-247.50)
New York:
Comex $404.70-405.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar) ... $19.70 bbl ($19.70)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.12	1.98
Austria Sch	20.60	19.40
Belgium Fr	61.80	58.00
Canada $	2.015	1.905
Denmark Kr	11.35	10.75
Finland Mkk	6.94	6.54
France Fr	9.98	9.38
Germany Dm	2.945	2.765
Greece Dr	284.50	258.50
Hong Kong $	13.45	12.55
Ireland Pt	1.115	1.045
Italy Lira	2195	2055
Japan Yen	254	238
Netherlands Gld	3.295	3.115
Norway Kr	11.32	10.68
Portugal Esc	259.75	243.75
South Africa Rd	4.55	4.15
Spain Pta	190	178
Sweden Kr	10.67	10.07
Switzerland Fr	2.615	2.455
Turkey Lira	4345	3745
USA $	1.725	1.625
Yugoslavia Dnr	refer	refer

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 119.8 (December)

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London City Airways seeks fresh funding

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Airlines of Britain Holdings is seeking new investor partners for the loss-making London City Airways.

No figure has been placed on the amount which the company – which also owns British Midland, Loganair and Manx Airlines and in which SAS, the Scandinavian airline, has a 24.9 per cent stake – is looking for, but Mr Michael Bishop, the chairman, said that he was seeking a partner who would be prepared to back the airline over a sustained period. Airlines and potential investors have been approached by ABH financial advisers, and Mr Bishop said that "good progress" was being made in attracting potential funds.

In 1988 – the last year for which financial results are available – London City showed a loss of £4.8 million and, despite a recent increase in passengers carried, it is also expected to report another loss for 1989.

It had been hoped that the British Aerospace 146 jet could quickly have been allowed to operate out of London City airport, the Mowlem-owned airport built on the site of the former Royal Docks.

However, a public inquiry has been called into the application and it could be 1992 before the jets are able to fly in and out. Mr Bishop, who says he is determined that whatever happens ABH will remain shareholders and run the airline, said in the last annual report that, for the full potential of the airport to be realized, "an early introduction of operation by the BAe 146 jet is essential."

London City has been hit by a series of problems recently which, although not the fault of the airline and with no safety implications, led to a number of flights being cancelled and an additional De Havilland Dash 7 aircraft having to be brought in on loan from another SAS partner airline in Greenland.

A series of problems with the Pratt and Whitney engines on the Dash 7 propeller-driven aircraft used by London City to fly to Paris, Amsterdam and Brussels, were traced to a particular type of oil which was recommended for use in the engines but which, apparently, led to overheating. A detailed investigation is now going on with engineers from the airline, the engine makers and De Havilland to try to find the precise cause.

Now an employee has been summonsed by the Civil Aviation Authority to appear before magistrates next month under Article 48 of the Air Navigation Order 1985. The clause in the Act makes it an offence for anyone to "recklessly or negligently cause or permit an aircraft to endanger any person or property."

The allegations are unconnected to the engine problems and relate to an aircraft which had suffered a brake accumulator failure being passed as fit to fly allegedly in defiance of strict company rules.

The airline is now back in full operation with four flights a day to both Brussels and Amsterdam and six to Paris. Passenger numbers have increased by about 50 per cent on last year but although Brussels is now making a contribution to London City's revenue, the other two routes are still losing money.

Drive on inflation halts rise in output

By Colin Narbrough
Economics Correspondent

The Government's counter-inflationary strategy has brought manufacturing output growth to a halt, but has left unit labour costs in this key sector rising at their fastest for almost three and a half years.

Productivity gains, which have given scope for high pay awards in recent years, have slowed to their lowest since the third quarter of 1986.

The spectre of high interest rates pushing the economy into stagflation or full-blown recession was raised by the latest official data on the production industries, issued yesterday, immediately pushing the pound lower against both the mark and the dollar.

Sterling managed to close 0.1 of a point higher at 88.2 on its trade-weighted index. The stock market largely ignored the output data, but ended 37.9 lower at 2,297.1 in response to a weak Wall Street.

The Central Statistical Office figures showed manufacturing output in the three months to November a provisional 0.1 per cent down on the previous three months to stand 2.5 per cent above the same quarter of 1988. A 0.7 per cent fall from October followed a 1 per cent increase the previous month.

CSO statisticians assess the underlying annual growth trend in manufacturing output at 2.5 per cent, downgrading last month's 3 per cent estimate. For production industries, which cover manufacturing, energy and water, trend growth is put at just 1.5 per cent.

Output in production industries, fell by a larger-than-expected 0.5 per cent in November for a modest 0.7 per cent annual rise. In the latest three months, output was 1 per cent higher and 0.7 per cent above the same period in 1988.

Energy production, recovering from North Sea disruptions, was, in the three months to November, 4.6 per cent up on the previous three, but 4.1 per cent down on a year ago.

Other figures put the annual rise in unit wage costs in manufacturing in the three months to November at 5.6 per cent, up from 5.1 per cent in the three months to October, reflecting the fall-off in output per head to 2.9 per cent from 3.6 per cent.

Although the industrial output figures are subject to large revisions, economists see the slower growth in manufacturing as encouraging in the battle against inflation.

Profits warning wipes £67m off Coloroll's market value

By Martin Waller

Coloroll Group, the home furnishings business and one-time darling of the stock market saw its share price collapse from 63p to just 29p after a profits warning, wiping £67 million off the company's market value.

Coloroll, largely the creation of Mr John Ashcroft, one of Mrs Thatcher's favourite businessmen, has become the latest business forced to go to its bankers for a lifeline because of the downturn in consumer spending and in the housebuilding industry.

It follows in the steps of such specialized retail groups as Lowndes Queensway, MFI, Magnet and Sock Shop.

In July, 1987, before the stock market crash, the shares were trading at 383p. Yesterday's further abrupt fall was mainly prompted by fears that Coloroll may have to go to the market for fresh equity.

Response Group, the management buyout team that agreed to acquire the John Crowther clothing business from Coloroll in July, 1988, is in talks with its bankers.

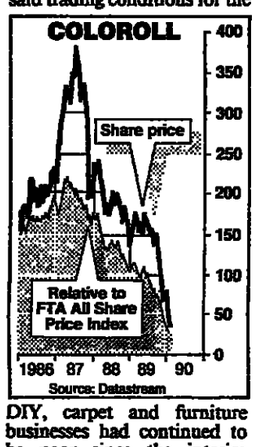
It was this news that apparently triggered the crisis at Coloroll, which took £70 million in cash for the business under the buyout, put together by Charterhouse Development Capital, also the company behind the Lowndes Queensway and MFI buyouts.

The rest of the purchase price was in loan stock and preference shares, which was passed on to various banks, subject to certain guarantees Coloroll provided.

These guarantees are identified in the latest report and accounts, which shows contingent liabilities totalling £21.75 million in relation to the Response disposal. The exact value of the investment, and any write-down needed, will be revealed in the year-end accounts.

The Coloroll share price peak came a year before the success of Coloroll's hard-fought takeover of the much larger John Crowther carpet group, a move which saddled it with huge debts and which some observers believe marked the start of its decline.

A terse statement yesterday said trading conditions for the DIY, carpet and furniture businesses had continued to be poor since the interim figures in November, which themselves saw pre-tax profits more than halved to £10.1 million in the six months to end-September.



Pre-tax profits in the second half would, therefore, be lower than in the first six months, while provisions might be needed against certain investments and contingencies arising from earlier disposals.

Coloroll is undertaking a review of its financial position and its options for the future and has gone to its bankers, led by the National Westminster, for a short-term facility.

Bank borrowings are at a seasonal peak and currently total £140 million, and there are contingent liabilities in respect of guarantees and other financial arrangements of £40 million and outstanding amounts under finance leases of another £12 million.

The announcement of difficulties at Coloroll, meanwhile, sent the entire stock market into reverse, helping to turn around a 11-point gain on the FT-SE 100 index to a 38-point fall at the close.

Operating profits of £30 million to £32 million this current financial year are likely to be largely consumed by interest bills of £22 million, the market believes. For 1990-91, the picture worsens without any further equity injection, with about the same profits set virtually to disappear in the face of interest charges of as much as £27 million.

Mr Eric Kilby, the Coloroll deputy chairman, pointed to the "underlying strength of the business." He added: "We don't expect the market to it its current low level forever."

Coloroll has said its cost-cutting programme, including the closure of two factories announced at the half-year stage and the loss of 450 jobs, would continue, as would plans to sell peripheral businesses. It is thought to be unwilling to sell a core business and is pinning its hopes on forthcoming disposals, which could total £40 million.

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Lowndes Queensway shares slump on restart of trading

By Gillian Bowditch

Shares in Lowndes Queensway, the furniture group rescued from the brink of bankruptcy with a £70 million package last week, halved to 4¼p when they began trading for the first time after their suspension last month.

The company is now valued at £14 million compared with £450 million when Mr James Gulliver led the highly leveraged takeover bid 18 months ago. The share price is below the 5p rights issue price announced on Friday.

Mr Eddie Dayan, Lowndes chief executive, says he cannot guarantee he will take up his rights. He has 42,800 ordinary and 100,000 deferred shares.

Analysts say there is little incentive for shareholders to participate in the £35 million, 218-for-100 rights issue. More than 80 per cent of shareholders participated in a £18.5 million rights issue at 20p last year. But, with the group forecasting a £45 million loss for the year to January 1990, there is little prospect of a dividend for some time.

Shareholders are being advised in the refinancing circular "to consult their professional adviser before making their investment decision".

Analysts are forecasting a pre-tax loss of about £25 million to January 1991 with a possible break-even the year after. For the year to January 1993 ti could be making a £10 million profit, which would give it fully diluted earnings per share of 0.8p.

If the shareholders do not take up their rights the banks which have underwritten the issue could end up owning a maximum of 43 per cent of the group upon conversion of their loan notes.

Mr Dayan said that the group anticipated selling the leases of the shops it intended to shut for about £8 million but, after deducting book value, it would make a small loss.

It is paying a £1.75 million penalty to MFI for pulling out of concessions within the MFI stores. It is still negotiating with J Sainsbury to pull out of 25 Homebase stores.

BT selling Canadian loss-maker

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

British Telecom has put up for sale its 51 per cent holding in Mitel Corporation, the Canadian maker of private telephone exchange systems.

BT bought the controlling stake for £160 million in 1986 in its first major acquisition after privatization. Now, the stake is likely to be worth only between £70 million and £100 million, according to Mr Jack Summerscale, leading telecommunications analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

Since the acquisition, Mitel has made more losses than profits. However, BT had made provisions against losses.

Odds stacking against Racamier in battle for control of LVMH

The scent of success for Arnault

From Neil Bennett, Paris

After more than a year of exhausting hostilities, the two sides in the battle for control at Moët-Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the French luxury goods group, are limbering up excitedly for the next round.

M Bernard Arnault, head of LVMH, is in particularly high spirits. Last Friday's court verdict moved him a step closer to final victory over rival M Henri Racamier, head of the Louis Vuitton luggage subsidiary. He has also been fêted at the launch of *C'Est la Vie*, the group's Christian Lacroix perfume.

Sitting at lunch in a sharp, grey, double-breasted suit, M Arnault more than ever resembles a convivial chat show host. The looks belie a businessman who has fought ruthlessly for his position at LVMH and whose ambition is unequivocable: "I want to build LVMH into the largest luxury goods group in the world. And I want to run it for the next 20 years."

M Arnault is waiting for an appeal against the court's decision not to annul a disputed block of warrants which he and Guinness own. But he believes the dispute will be over by mid-March. Then, Louis Vuitton will have to hold its much-postponed annual meeting and M Arnault will vote M Racamier out of office.

M Arnault denies the dispute had done any long-term damage. "When this is all over, it will take less than a month to put everything in order and restore morale. Obviously, though, some people will leave."Meanwhile, he is pressing home the group's action against Louis Vuitton over disputed contracts with its southeast Asia distributor Bluebell (Asia). M Arnault is furious that the company signed away distribution rights and management control in one of the group's most profitable parts of the world. LVMH wants the contracts annulled.

M Racamier is sanguine about his court defeat. "This is only a skirmish in a long battle. We expected it." At 77, M Racamier is the diometric opposite of his opponent. His pin-striped, three-piece suit with the red thread of the *Legion D'Honneur* in its lapel, and the Hermes tie reek of "ancienne" France.

M Racamier is confident of winning the case over the disputed warrants at appeal. He also claims that up to a half of the Moët and Hennessy family shareholders now support him against M Arnault giving him another 9 percent of the group's votes. Like M Arnault, his aim is also clear. "We want to give LVMH a more balanced shareholding." Guinness he says, should have a direct 24 per cent stake instead of holding jointly with M Arnault. He infers there is no place for M Arnault in a more balanced LVMH.

In contrast to M Arnault's plans for centralization, M Racamier sees little synergy between champagne and luggage and thinks each subsidiary should tend to its own affairs. The men are irreconcilable. Soon one will have to go and the odds are beginning to stack up against M Racamier.

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Failed Higgs bid could stir up the construction melting pot

One takeover battle for Higgs and Hill may be over, but another may yet be born.

YJ Lovell, which secured only a 34.82 per cent foothold in its bid target and has now lapsed its offer, is "reviewing its options" over its own 9.99 per cent Higgs stake, suggesting it would be unwise to be short of Higgs shares.

Lovell shares yesterday fell by 4p at 247p, and Higgs shares were back by 8p at 400p. But the prospective price/earnings ratio for Higgs at 7 backed by a gross 7 per cent yield, and that for Lovell at 5.9 backed by a gross 5.2 per cent yield, makes both in their own right worth a second look.

During the nine weeks of battle, both sides showed their hand and outlined their ambitions, and both are now more visible in investment circles.

Higgs laid to rest the ghost of just how exposed it is to the depressed housing market, and demonstrated in a pie-chart of likely 1989 results that homes would account for 25.6 per cent of profits, construction would make up a respectable 31.4 per cent slice, and that property would bring in the 43 per cent balance.

Profits look like rolling forward again this year. After an indicated £26.5 million (excluding exceptionals) for the year ended December, pre-tax profits of £30 million could be on the cards for 1990.

Meanwhile, Lovell which last year posted pre-tax profits of £33.4 million should be on course for profits of £37 million in the year to end September, and remains determined to grow both organically and by acquisition.

As for its Higgs holding, it could offload in the market or place with another prospective bidder. Given Higgs's prospects, there could be no shortage of takers. Alternatively, Lovell could hold tight and come back in a year's time.

But takeover tables could turn – and since Lovell has raised its own profile, a bid from other quarters would not surprise.

Legal & General

More than £250 million has been wiped off the market value of Legal & General in the past fortnight, an apparently perverse reaction to the 65 per cent rise in new business reported by the life insurer for 1989.

But the way the new business figures are presented exaggerates the strength of the upturn. Fully 90 per cent of the £650 million rise to £1.66 billion represents an increase in funds under management, in turn a reflection of Legal & General's success in selling index funds to pension trustees.

Leaving the low-margin fund management business on one side and giving single-premium sales only one tenth of the weighting of new annual premiums, the rise was a more sedate 15 per cent.

In fact, the figures are in line with expectations. The main reason the shares fell from their peak of 439p early in the new year to their current 381p is because bid hopes are fading.

PETER TREVNOR

Well placed: Roger Fletcher, of Menvier-Swain, yesterday

The shares shot up by more than a pound after Australian Mutual Provident launched its £1.24 billion bid for Pearl in October and, in the absence of any predator activity, they now look high on a prospective yield of 5½ per cent.

However, few analysts believe that the predators have withdrawn entirely. Huge continental insurers such as Allianz and Générale are still under-represented in Britain.

They might prefer a swipe at one of the composites – Royal, CU, Sun Alliance and GRE all own sizeable life companies. But, failing that, Legal & General's £1.8 billion market capitalization would not present an insuperable obstacle to such trade buyers.

Menvier-Swain

Menvier-Swain Group is wary of saying it does well out of a disaster, but it is clear that tragedies such as the Kings Cross Underground fire have not harmed sales by ensuring a more stringent imposition of the rules by local fire brigades.

But the revelation that much of the Underground still has no emergency lighting or fire alarms brings out how much further the market in Britain has to go, although by the company's own estimates annual sales growth has fallen from 20 per cent six months ago to about 15 per cent today.

The lion's share of expansion will come in Europe. It plans forays into West Germany, while the Mediterranean countries offer good prospects in the run-up to 1992.

By this year-end about a third of profits should come from overseas. In this country it could suffer from any slowdown in industrial and commercial building, although it reckons it can make up lost new build from the refurbishment sector.

Menvier-Swain, where Mr Roger Fletcher is managing director, is largely recession-proof, therefore, and well-positioned in a clear growth market. It was floated at 120p in March 1986 and saw its share move ahead 8p to 368p on news yesterday of interim pre-tax profits up from £1.62 million to £2.43 million, aided by its acquisition programme – organic growth tracked the 30 per cent rise in eps.

Assuming £5.2 million pre-tax this year, the shares are selling on a multiple of 14 times' future earnings, in a thin market and with the founders apparently keen to retain control. Fully-valued, but worth buying on any weakness if they become available.

Domestic appliance sales slump

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Sales of domestic electrical appliances last year plunged 30 per cent or more in some sectors and British manufacturers, which account for 60 per cent of the market, fear there will be no improvement this year.

Mr Jim Collis, director general of the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances, said the situation was "very serious" for British makers. High interest rates pushing up mortgage interest payments and bringing stagnation to the housing market are mainly blamed for the slump.

Mild weather compounded problems for space heating manufacturers which saw sales plunge 30 per cent, while electric blanket makers had one of their worst years with sales down just over 40 per cent.

Electric cooker sales were among the hardest hit by consumer reaction to mortgage rate rises. Deliveries overall were down 17 per cent but build-in models suffered most as sales dropped by at least a quarter.

The build-in sector is dominated by imports but a big proportion of free-standing cookers, sales of which were down 9 per cent, are made in Britain. The British market share is 87 per cent, down from 92 per cent in 1988.

Microwave ovens, a boom sector for the past five years, turned down by 30 per cent. Sales may eventually bottom out at about 1 million units a year, makers say.

Sales of home laundry appliances fell 11 per cent. Automatic washing machines saw a drop of 11 per cent, with demand sustained to some extent by a steady replacement level.

The good summer saw tumble drier sales plunge 21 per cent and spin drier sales dropped 15 per cent.

Refrigeration equipment makers benefited from the hot weather however. They saw only a 2 per cent sales decline but vacuum cleaner sales were down 7 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

LEP to pay £9m for German haulier

LEP Group, the international freight forwarding and distribution company, is acquiring Wohlfarth Group, a private West German transport and distribution company, for DM25 million (£9 million). The purchase represents an extension of LEP's strategy to offer a more integrated service and pan-European distribution.

Wohlfarth operates nearly 1,000 vehicles from 33 locations and employs more than 1,500 people. It also operates road/rail facilities. The company made profits of DM5.5 million after tax in 1988 on turnover of DM264 million and had net assets of DM13.8 million at end-December 1989.

Fisons' bid is cleared

The proposed acquisition by Fisons of VG Instruments, a maker of scientific instruments, will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission, the Department of Trade and Industry said. Fisons, which makes pharmaceuticals and scientific equipment, launched its agreed bid – worth £270.2 million – for VG Instruments in December.

Heath rises to £327,000

Samuel Heath & Sons, the Birmingham gift and hardware maker, lifted pre-tax profits 28 per cent to £327,000 in the six months to end-September, on turnover up 4.6 per cent to £3.43 million. Earnings per share rise by 27 per cent to 7p, while the interim dividend is maintained at 1.5p. Samuel Heath's shares firmed 5p to close at 135p.

Contracts for Amec

Amec, the building and civil engineering group, has won orders worth £60 million, including a three-year contract from Thames Water. The water contract involves the laying and repairing of water mains and service pipes in three London districts.

In addition, Amec's Fairclough building division is to construct a shopping centre in south-west England, a superstore in the north-east and a hotel and office project in the Midlands.

Nevada deal for Erskine

Erskine House has acquired Sierra Office Concepts, a Nevada office machines business, for a maximum $9.5 million (£5.8 million). SOC sells and leases Ricoh and Savin copying and facsimile machines and made pre-tax profits of $1.2 million in 1988-89. Up to $2.8 million of the price is linked to SOC's performance up to March, 1992.

Westport advances

Westport Group, the marketing services group, increased pre-tax profits by 37 per cent to £1.24 million in the half year to end-October. Turnover climbed by 16 per cent to £8.12 million. Eps slip from 1.16p to 0.87p, after dilution from August's £16.2 million acquisition of Carlton Fox and Carlton Studios. The company does not pay an interim dividend.

Franke increases offer

Franke, the Swiss group battling for control of Carron Phoenix, the USM-listed sink manufacturer based in Falkirk, is increasing its offer from 73p a share to 90p. Franke, which has 5.3 per cent of Carron, was buying more shares in the market yesterday at 90p.

3i, which has a 21.7 per cent stake in Carron, intends to accept the 90p cash offer, which values Carron at about £10 million, unless there is a higher offer before Wednesday. Bene, the French group, is also interested in acquiring Carron, but has not yet increased its bid of 60p a share. Carron shares rose 7p to 93p. The company was floated two years ago at 120p. Its shares were 38p before the bid battle started.

HK watchdog ready to allow share buy-backs

From Lain Yu
Hong Kong

Hong Kong's securities watchdogs are proposing new measures aimed at improving investor protection and boosting market liquidity.

They want the colony's takeover rules revised to lower the trigger point for a general offer for shares from 35 per cent to 30 per cent.

They also propose allowing public companies to buy back their shares, and removal of the ban on short-selling.

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Securities and Futures Commission has released a consultative document recommending that repurchasing of shares be permitted with prior shareholder approval and disclosure of buy-back activities.

The buy-backs could be by general offer, or through the Stock Exchange.

The maximum number of shares re-purchased through the Stock Exchange could not exceed 10 per cent of a company's total outstanding shares in any 12-month period. In order to protect creditors, companies could use onlydistributable profits to buy back shares.

Hay Davison: market review

Mr Geoffrey Lewis, a British lawyer advising the government on securities, said that buy-back activities could boost liquidity in the Hong Kong market, where many stocks traded at big discounts to net asset values.

"At present, Hong Kong companies compare unfavourably against other jurisdictions," said Mr Lewis.

More than 10 per cent of the colony's listed companies have moved domicile overseas.

Acceptance of short-selling was called for by Mr Ian Hay Davison, the former Lloyd's chief executive brought in to review the colony's financial markets in 1988.

The Stock Exchange and the SFC are expected to recommend next month that public companies be required to make a general offer once up to a 30 per cent stake, in line with British practice, and that consideration of all takeover questions by the full takeover committee be replaced by a two-tier system of an executive and staff dealing with most cases and an appeal panel of practitioners taking those on a higher level.

Caution by ABC after rise to £1m

By Jeremy Andrews

Associated British Consultants, the structural engineering consultant which came to the market last March, says that although its order books are higher than at any point last year, recent months have seen a softening in some areas of the construction industry.

For the half-year to October, pre-tax profits jumped 64 per cent to £1.13 million on sales up 54 per cent at £6.09 million.

Because of the dilution from the £1.2 million worth of shares placed at the time of its flotation, earnings per share were only 36 per cent ahead at 9.5p despite a 3-point fall to 37 per cent in its tax charge.

The interim dividend of 2.2p is 26 per cent up on the pro forma 1.75p that would have been distributed had AB Consultants been quoted for a full year.

James-Carrington, the Birmingham-based structural engineer, acquired for £750,000 in June, achieved anticipated profit levels.

The new Leeds office of Kenchington Little the main building consultancy subsidiary, is already operating profitably. AB Consultants is aiming to follow its clients north as business in the South-east tails off.

Leisure side helps Baldwin leap 51%

By Sam Parkhouse

Baldwin has transformed itself from a struggling Nottingham-based building products company into a profitable leisure group with interests as far away as Florida.

In the year to October 31 it increased pre-tax profits 51 per cent to £2.5 million on turnover 35 per cent better at £34.8 million.

This follows the disposal in April of HJ Baldwin, the once core building products business, and the expansion of holiday villa, tour operating and continental mobile home interests.

HJ Baldwin had fallen into decline when orders from the Sullom Voe oil terminal began to dry up.

Mr Malcolm Durham, finance director, said the group sold the company to Evered for £2 million, because it was expected that profits would more than halve to about £100,000.

In the last year Keycamp Holidays was transformed into a leading operator of mobile home holidays in France and Spain.

Taking in the performance of Starvillas, profits of £1.1 million were earned by the leisure division.

Continuing property and printing interests contributed £1.09 million.

Directors are recommending a final dividend of 1.4p which brings the total for the year up to 2.55p from 2.15p, on earnings per share 22 per cent higher at 10.5p. The shares rose 5p to 120p.

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Wentworth and Savoy lining up leisure links

By Matthew Bond

Wentworth Group Holdings — the company that owns the famous golf club in Virginia Water, Surrey — and the Savoy Group are believed to be looking at joint ventures in the leisure and hotel field.

Any new projects they the embark on could well involve further support from many of the companies that subscribed for the £32 million share placing in the golf club last autumn. The identities of the companies that bought Wentworth shares in the private placing handled by Nomura were revealed yesterday.

They include Shimizu, the Japanese construction company; Nippon Life, the biggest life company in the world; Mr Edmond Safra's Republic National Bank of New York and Mr Eddy Shah's Messenger Group. The shares also offer their owners certain playing rights.

Mr Elliott Bernerd, chairman of Chelsfield, the private company that owns the remaining 60 per cent of Wentworth, is delighted with the calibre of the companies the placing attracted.

"We have got a very, very good list of shareholders. It is the kind of list that you would be proud to have in any company."

Each share in Wentworth cost £800,000 to buy, with some companies opting to buy several. Shimizu is the largest shareholder with five shares, while two companies, Savoy Group and Republic National Bank of New York, each have three. The Savoy's stake was paid for in shares, giving Chelsfield a 1 per cent stake in the London hotel group.

The move cemented the already close relationship between the two companies. Mr Willy Bauer, the former Savoy manager, is chief executive of Wentworth. The first venture between the two in the leisure field is expected soon.

The first trading in a secondary market for the shares is believed to be imminent. It is understood that the Messenger Group has already been offered a substantial premium for its shares, but has declined to sell.

A large slice of the £32 million raised by the issue has been earmarked to build a new clubhouse. Plans for an 80,000 sq ft building are likely to be submitted in March, according to Mr Bauer. The club's tennis facilities are also scheduled for improvement.

The share placing provoked some protest from members.

Mr Mamoru Miki, the Japanese businessman and Wentworth member who has been opposing the changes, said he doubted the permanence of some companies appearing on the shareholder list."I still think that a number of these companies are underwriting the issue and that they are there just for the time being."

Mr Bauer said: "Now, I think 95 per cent of the membership support our ideas. There will always be some who are not totally with you."

Wentworth's new shareholders

Japanese	Non Japanese
Shimizu Construction (5)	Savoy (3)
Sumitomo Trust Bank (2)	Republic Nat Bank of New York (3)
Nomura Securities (2)	Banco de Santander (2)
Yamanouchi Pharmaceuticals (2)	Multi Commercial Bank (2)
Suntory (2)	
Yasuda Trust	Bank of East Asia
	Credit Suisse
Nippon Life	Security Pacific
Chiyoda Mutual Life	Messenger Group
Nikko Securities	ADT
Shibekosan Construction	South Yorks pension fund
Taikakukan Construction	David Li
C Itoh	Dickson Poon
Mitsukoshi	
Fujikura	

*All shareholders have one share unless otherwise indicated

Building society lending slumps

By Lindsay Cook
Family Money Editor

Mortgage lending by building societies was sharply down in December. Net new mortgage commitments fell by more than £800 million on November to £2.88 billion.

It was the second lowest month during 1989. Gross mortgage advances were also down by £567 million on the previous month.

But gross mortgage advances increased to £11.87 billion in the final quarter from £11.5 billion in the previous quarter. Net lending for the year was £4.5 billion down at £46.6 billion.

Mr Mark Boleat, the director general of the Building Societies Association, said: "Net new commitments fell for two reasons. December is normally a quiet month because of seasonal factors, a feature which has been reinforced this year by the increase in mortgage rates in October and November."

On the savings side, net receipts were £1 million lower at £176 million. These were affected by withdrawals for water shares at the beginning of the month. Many refund cheques and the proceeds of sold water shares would not have reached societies before January.

Mr Boleat added: "Despite the absence of the Abbey National from the figures in the second half of the year, gross mortgage advances increased by 13 per cent on the first half of the year, while net new commitments were down by only 2 per cent — a clear indication of the societies' rising market share."

COMMENT David Brewerton

Coloroll's chief finds overdrive in reverse

Coloroll Group has always had a foot somewhat uncomfortably in both the manufacturing and retail sectors. It need worry no longer, for it is now firmly relocated into quite another rapidly-expanding sector of the stock market, that of the Fallen Angels. It is a sobering thought to realize that Coloroll shares, which plummeted from 63p to 25p on yesterday's profits warning, were trading at a peak of 383p in summer 1987.

Not much more than a year ago Coloroll was being touted around by its professional advisers — now conspicuous by their absence from the scene — as a wonder-stock that would grow and grow. But with the benefit of hindsight we can all see what chairman John Ashcroft apparently failed to appreciate: that high internal gearing in an activity sensitive to interest rates is like having overdrive on reverse gear.

There is another lesson for entrepreneurs and investors to be learned from Coloroll's miserable situation: that contingent liabilities appear unimportant when tucked away as a note to the accounts, but achieve great significance when a company is speeding backwards towards the wall. Coloroll has £40 millions of such liabilities, which at times of stress it has to add to its debt. Slightly more than half the total relates to the disposal of the clothing side of John Crowther Some disposal — when 18 months after the event it still shakes the company!

Mr Ashcroft, newly honoured with a CBE and a normally outgoing entrepreneur, was keeping his head below the parapet last night. But the sums he is having to scribble on the back of unsold rolls of wallpaper make miserable reading. Gearing levels, if the feared provisions have to be made against the contingent liabilities, will rise into the hundreds while interest cover shrinks back towards one.

There is unlikely to be any joy for the group from John Major's maiden Budget, but no doubt on his next visit to Number Ten Mr Ashcroft will mention the problems which high interest rates are bringing to the most thrusting examples of the enterprise culture.

He could explain that Coloroll's operating profits, in the space of a year, have shrunk from £70 million to £30 million, and that is before interest, which will take two thirds of the operating profit. Next year, the interest bill will rise and unless there is some recovery in Coloroll's operating profits, the pre-tax line will contract towards break-even. A year ago, such a possibility would have been unthinkable.

The only certain salvation for battered Coloroll shareholders would seem to be the emergence of a predator tempted by the bombed-out share price. Williams Holdings, the conglomerate, has a stake of around 1 per cent bought last year but is seen as unlikely to bid Mr Brian McGowan, Williams' finance director, commented. "We constantly take stakes like this — sometimes we get it very right, occasionally we don't seem to get it so right."

GEC sees end to famine

The stock market has seen all too many false dawns at GEC to change its long-term view lightly. But nowadays there is a growing conviction, evidenced by a 5 per cent outperformance in the shares since last month's figures, that it is a mistake to be short of GEC.

The £630 million order for 90 high speed trains for GEC-Alsthom, hard on the heels of the £115 million contract for electrification of BR's east coast main line, heralds the shape of things to come.

Capital spending on Europe's railways is due for substantial growth after 10 lean years. Long-suffering commuters in the South-east will scarcely be surprised that BR is stepping up its re-equipment programme. This was running at £450 million in the 1986-87 financial year, is set for £600 million in the current year and should reach £900 million in 1991-92.

In continental Europe, the annual spend is likely to be £3.5 billion over the next five years. Spending on railway equipment, Europe-wide, is expected to reach £18 billion over the next four years according to the research team at UBS Phillips & Drew.

And the joint venture between GEC and the French group CGE is well placed to do nicely. Of the local competition, only the Asea Brown Boveri combine can offer financial muscle on a scale comparable to GEC-Alsthom.

A similar boom is expected in GEC-Alsthom's other main area of operation, power generation equipment. Power stations are big, expensive and last a long time. But now the long famine, which set in during the 1970s, is nearing its end. And the effective cancellation of Britain's nuclear programme will trigger demand for smaller scale projects.

GEC stands to gain not merely from overall growth, but also by enabling the joint venture to lever margins on Alsthom's vast order book closer to levels acceptable to Lord Weinstock. The across-the-board margin in the first year of the collaboration was just 4.2 per cent. Shifting Alsthom's 2.6 per cent margin closer to GEC's 8 per cent may take time. But in the current year the process could rise to a 75 per cent lift in operating profit attributable to the two partners, according to P&D estimates.

GEC's other recent joint ventures are also picking up speed. The group's strong cash backing, high degree of overseas exposure and the pedestrian outlook for UK corporate earnings suggest the re-rating of its shares will continue.

WPP in £25.4m US expansion

By Gillian Bowditch

WPP Group, Mr Martin Sorrell's marketing services group, confirmed yesterday it was buying Thomas G Ferguson Associates, a New Jersey-based healthcare marketing and advertising company, for a maximum $41.7 million (£25.4 million).

Thomas Ferguson clients include several Johnson & Johnson companies and divisions of Warner Lambert.

The group is the third largest US agency specializing in healthcare communications. WPP shares fell 5p to 689p on news of the deal.

WPP is paying an initial $12.5 million, $10 million cash and the remainder in shares. Profit-related payments will be made for the years ending 1991, 1993 and 1994.

The total consideration will be based on a multiple of 10 times the average profits after tax of Thomas Ferguson for the three years ended December 1994.

The total maximum consideration is $41.7 million. Thomas Ferguson made pre-tax profits of $2.2 million last year.

WPP says the acquisition will strengthen its position in healthcare and medical marketing where it already has a presence in America, Britain, France, Germany, and the Netherlands. Healthcare is one of the fastest growing sectors in advertising with revenues of about $4.5 billion world-wide.

WPP is expected to report full-year profits of about £75 million in March but analysts are looking to the half-year results to see if the group is feeling the pinch.

Mr Philip Higson, an analyst with BZW, says: "We expect consumer spending to be at its weakest for 10 years in the next six months and that impacts directly on advertising."

When the annual billings figures for the industry are reported in March, WPP at about $13.9 billion, is expected to have overtaken Saatchi & Saatchi, which has long been the sector leader.

Mr Sorrell is not keen to be seen as someone battling for the number one slot in billings terms, believing quality not quantity is the key to success.

Mr Higson says total revenue and profits are a more accurate guide to success. This year he expects WPP to be one-third larger than Saatchi with revenue of £1.3 billion and pre-tax profits of £110 million against revenue from Saatchi of £1 billion and pre-tax profits of £65 million for the year to September 1990.

Poised to take over as market leader: Martin Sorrell of WPP

Waterhouse to advise on IBA privatization

Price Waterhouse, the leading accountancy firm, has won the prestigious contract to advise the Home Office on the privatization of the Independent Broadcasting Authority's TV and radio transmission system. PW, the only accountancy firm which pitched for the job, was in competition with five merchant banks.

The IBA's transmission system comprises more than 20 main masts plus about 400 relay stations which broadcast commercial television and radio programmes nationally.

PW has acted in various capacities in most of the large state sales.

Addison sells Streets to Dutch firm for £1m

By Jeremy Andrews

Addison Consultancy's long hunt for a buyer for Streets, once London's biggest financial public relations firm, is over. It has sold it to Thomas & Kleyn, a leading Dutch PR consultant, for £1 million, a £250,000 premium to its estimated book value.

Addison has been under pressure to tidy its corporate structure because MAI, the poster and money-broking group, and Virtus, the holding company of a French market research entreprenuer, M Jean-Louis Croquet, both hold a quarter of its equity.

An attempt last April to sell the lossmaking Streets for £1 million to a management group backed by coal and rail pension funds fell through.

Addison now consists of just two market researchers, Taylor Nelson and MaS.

T&K aims to use the Streets name in Europe.

Abbey pays £42m for French mortgage lender

By Our Family Money Editor

Abbey National confirmed yesterday that it has bought Ficofrance, the French mortgage lender, and is also to launch an endowment mortgage in France.

Abbey, which already has subsidiaries in Spain and Italy, is paying approximately Fr400 million (£41.8 million) for Ficofrance, which is based in Cambrai and has 12 regional offices.

Abbey will launch the mortgage with Monceau, the mutual insurance group. The endowment loans — not generally available in France — will be sold through Ficofrance offices and Monceau's branches.

Mr Peter Birch, Abbey chief executive, said: "Our entry into the French mortgage market is part of our careful expansion into closely-related business activities."

Ficofrance's profits after tax were Fr38 million in 1988.

Bond puts homes on the market

Alan Bond, the beleaguered boss of the Australian brewing empire, really is trying to raise as much cash as possible. Not only has one of his mansions down under been put up for sale, but so too have the two adjacent properties he owns in an exclusive Georgian terrace in Kensington's Cottesmore Gardens. Although no "for sale" signs have appeared, I am assured that both houses — which Bond has been using as one enormous London residence — are now on the market. Estate agents are obliged to be discreet, however, because of an agreement among residents in the private road that "for sale" boards must never be used. Bond paid a total of £7 million for them in 1988 and they are said to be easily splittable back into two individual houses. They are in first class decorative order and boast a 30 metre swimming pool in the basement, as well as more than a dozen bedrooms. Neighbours reckon that he should realize at least £8 million for a quick sale, even in a depressed market. Meanwhile, Bond is also still trying to find a buyer for his Oxfordshire country estate, Glympton Park. He recently turned down a £10 million offer — he is, I am told, holding out for £3 million more.

Golden bean

The Square Mile may have once been famous for its coffee shops but now residents in the Japanese city of Nara claim to have gone one better. At "The House for Distinguished Guests," a cup of coffee costs £217. The extra special brew is made from Blue Mountain beans and Evian water flown in from France. It is poured from a gold pot into Royal Minton porcelain cups, and topped off with a sprinkling of gold powder. And already the waiting list is a week long — but that is because only four customers are served at any one time, in a room described by the management as "patterned after the residence of the British Royal family."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Althaus on the move

James Althaus, son of former Government broker Sir Nigel Althaus, has joined the growing ranks of redundant City workers. Old Etonian Althaus, aged 27 — "and ageing rapidly," he says — was given his P45 last week by Garban, the inter-dealer broker, where he had worked for the past four years. Admitting that like many other brokers in the gilt market he was "over paid and under worked," he nevertheless wants to find another job in the Square Mile. "I want to stay in the City and the gilt market has so far been the limit of my experience," he says. "But until the atmosphere in the gilt market improves, it might be worth looking at other areas of activity in the City."

Schneider's art

Corporate financiers at the merchant bank Rea Brothers will have been more interested than most in the two acquisitions and the £5.6 million rights issue unveiled by Bullers, the fine art and sculpture foundry group. For it represents the first strategic move by chartered accountant Brian Schneider, aged 34, chief executive at Bullers since last June — and previously head of corporate finance at Rea. The two deals, which more than double Bullers size, mean that the company — which cast the scales of justice at the Central Criminal Court — is now one of the largest art foundry businesses in the world.

Fish on the wing

Torquil Norman, the chairman of Bluebird Toys, was in Wiltshire on Saturday when he decided to pop over to Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, to buy some fish and chips. It took 25 minutes. For, as a means of transportation, Norman was able to chose from one of three aeroplanes — a fourth, also owned by him, is not yet air worthy. "I'd been promising to take a friend for a ride for ages — and the fish and chips were wonderful," said Norman yesterday, over a more sophisticated meal at London's Howard Hotel. He also reports the market for vintage planes is booming. "Mine have probably doubled in value in the past four years." His collection comprises a 1940 Tiger Moth, a 1934 De Havilland Leopard Moth, a 1936 De Havilland Dragonfly and a 1977 Cessna 180. "They all need to be used regularly," says Norman, who has clearly inherited his love of flying. His father was an architect who specialized in designing aerodromes until he was killed in a plane crash in Africa 47 years ago. He also started his own charter airline, Airwork, which became part of British Caledonian. "And my brother, Desmond, started up the company which makes Islanders, Britten-Norman, since taken over by the Swiss company Pilatus," says Norman.

● A column in *The Teller*, a Delaware trust company's staff newspaper, is devoted to announcements of employees marriages and births. Its title — Mergers and Dividends.

Carol Leonard

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Shareholders gain nothing from paperless deal

From Mr C. J. Saville Glanvill

Sir, As a practising solicitor, I wonder whether the proponents of a paperless Stock Exchange have considered the transactions which do not pass through the hands of brokers. Apart from sales negotiated outside the market, there are dealings, which may be classed together as not attracting stamp duty, for example, gifts, appointments of new trustees and vesting in beneficiaries.

These are normally carried out either by the parties themselves or by solicitors and never see the inside of a broker's office.

So far, I have seen nothing in the proposals to allow them to be carried through in the existing manner, thereby creating a new monopoly for the brokers and banks.

Wearing my other hat as a shareholder, both as trustee and in my own right, and speaking also from my own observation of shareholding clients, registrars are not immune from error and share certificates in their present form do allow their work to be checked at once. The shareholder, who is, after all, the customer, gains nothing and loses certainty.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. SAVILLE GLANVILL,
1618 & 1620 Coventry Road,
Yardley,
Birmingham.
January 17

From Mr R. E. Farris

Sir, On the subject of paperless share deals, I am sure that a large number of individual shareholders will be very unhappy at losing the share certificate as they know it and have now to rely on some form held by the bank or broker. From my own experience I know that a stockbroker does not always have full details of an investor's holdings, as such things as privatisation issues and the take up of rights issues are done direct with the registrar of the company and not through the Stock Exchange.

Another area where the lack of share certificates could lead to problems is in respect of people's estates. I would suspect that in a number of cases when an investor dies the only knowledge his executors have of shares held is on finding the share certificates among the deceased's papers.

Share certificates have a "cachet" which leads to them being kept (and even cherished) whereas a computer printout or similar document would not be held in such esteem and would be more easily discarded.

If the investor is not to receive any type of certificate this evidence would not be available and, particularly in the case of the decease of a distant relative, an executor may have no idea whatsoever of the holdings involved.

The question of paperless share deals appears to be another of those decisions taken by the institutions who hold the majority of shares but which affects the majority of shareholders who are individuals and whose views do not appear to be taken into account.

Yours truly,
R. E. FARRIS,
30 Sefton Road,
Sheffield.
January 18.

Waterfall boom

From Mr J. M. Walpole

Sir, I am surprised that no commentators have linked the end of year boom in retail sales with the privatization of water. In my case, the quick profit of £500 plus that I made by selling my allocation of water shares enabled me to pay off a small debt, to buy three items in the post-Christmas sales, and to pay a deposit on a summer holiday — none of which would have been possible without this end of year bonus. Thank you, Mrs Thatcher!

Yours faithfully,
J. M. WALPOLE,
95 Bournbrook Road,
Selly Oak, *Birmingham.*

Tax clamp on pay

From Mr J. H. Joel

Sir, Not for the first time we see, and hear, the Prime Minister and others exhorting industry to keep down pay settlements.

It is a long time since I was involved in pay negotiations but I remember that many senior executives, when discussing salaries and wages, would make the point that each £100 increase only cost the company £48, the balance being contributed by the Inland Revenue through corporation tax.

I suggest that the Inland Revenue should decide (or be required to decide) that "Wholly and necessarily," when applied to a company's total remuneration of directors, staff, and workers, means last year's total plus the rate of inflation.

Companies could, of course, agree salaries and wages at whatever level they liked but any amount in excess of the formula would be disallowed as a deduction against corporation tax. The increase in tax and decrease in profit after tax would be a disincentive to large pay awards.

Yours truly,
J. H. JOEL,
43 Meadow Walk,
Harpenden,
Hertfordshire.
January 12.

Strange posture

From Mr D. J. F. Lawrence

Sir, As a small shareholder in TSB, I read with interest Sir Nicholas Goodison's comments in your paper earlier this week with regard to the still substantial over-capacity and lack of profitability in the securities industry and the inevitability of further closures.

This posture sits strangely with the TSB board's recently announced expansion in that sector with the purchase of additional stockbroking firms for substantial sums. One hopes that he will be able to explain and justify this expansion — coinciding, as it does, with the redundancy of over 3,000 TSB employees and hundreds of senior managers — to shareholders at the company's forthcoming annual general meeting.

Perhaps he knows something we don't?

I remain, yours truly,
D. J. F. LAWRENCE,
1 Newcastle Drive,
The Park,
Nottingham.
January 18.

Nuclear confusion

From Mr D. A. Davis

Sir, David Young's report covering my evidence on behalf of CEGB to the House of Commons Select Committee on Energy (*The Times*, January 11) is good because it picks up the main point — namely that it is primarily the Government's responsibility to see that Britain stays in the fruitful European collaboration on fast breeder design, rather than it be left to the private sector.

David Young, however, does confuse your readers over the position of National Power — undertandably perhaps in view of the rapidiity of recent change.

With the setting up of Nuclear Electric, National Power now has no direct interest in nuclear operations or developments.

It supports nuclear power as an important component of UK energy supplies, but no decisions have been taken by National Power in regard to support for the development of new reactor types, including the fast reactor.

Yours faithfully,
D. A. DAVIS,
Board member,
Central Electricity Generating Board,
Sudbury House,
15 Newgate Street,
London, EC1.
January 11.

Put another way

From Mrs S. F. Walker

Sir, I have always been intrigued by the colourful use of metaphor, proverb and aphorism in our language.

After twenty-four hours I find myself still puzzling over a comment, reportedly made by a broker from County NatWest in an article by Martin Waller on the subject of a company takeover: "Effectively what they are doing is skinning a cat the other way round."

Can any of your readers suggest a possible explanation for this odd use of a well-known maxim?

Yours faithfully,
S. F. WALKER,
Field Gate House,
Chinthurst Lane,
Shalford, Guildford,
Surrey.
January 17.

STOCK MARKET

Stores sector gloom deepens as Coloroll shares slump 34p

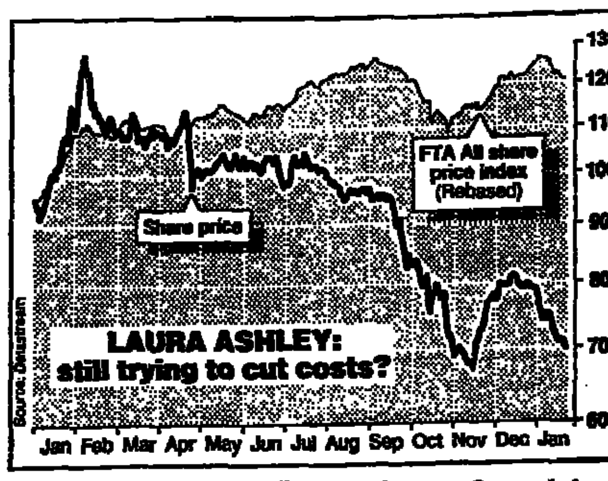
The stores sector remains under a cloud with the cutback in consumer spending taking its toll on an almost daily basis.

The latest is **Coloroll**, Mr John Ashcroft's wallpaper and soft furnishings group, which tumbled 34p to 29p after a warning on profits. It joins a growing list that includes **Lowndes Queensway** – which returned from suspension 3½p lower at 4½p after details of the £70 million refinancing package — Miss Sophie Mirman's **Sock Shop**, down 1p at 75p, and the management buyouts at **MFI** and **Magnet**.

The market is becoming increasingly anxious about another household name, **Laura Ashley**. The shares continued to slide towards their low of 66p with a fall of 1p at 70p despite some words of encouragement in the financial Press at the weekend.

Dealers are worried that the group is about to announce another series of production cutbacks. Last year, the group adopted a more vigorous approach to manufacturing costs and in October announced the loss of about 100 jobs at its Welsh plant following the appointment of Mr Mike Smith as managing director.

The group was an early casualty of the turndown in consumer spending with pretax profits last year dropping from £23 million to £20 million. A figure of £13.5 million has been pencilled in for the current year.



The rest of the equity market attempted a rally, encouraged by the rise on Wall Street on Friday and the overnight lead of Tokyo.

But prices soon boiled over following the lack of follow-through from the City institutions which remain nervous after last week's rise in bank lending and ahead of this Friday's trade figures.

Some brokers are talking the market as low as the 2,250 level before the buyers return. Their views have been highlighted by calls for a further rise in interest rates. Much of the fall was futures-led with many market-makers selling stock to buy the futures in order to hedge their positions.

By the close of business, about £400 million-worth of contracts had been written on the futures and traded options market. News of the setback at Coloroll only added to the market's gloom.

An opening fall of 36 points in the Dow Jones industrial average left the FT-SE 100 index closing at its lowest level of the day — 37.9 points down at 2,297.1. Selling remained light with just 361 million shares traded. The FT index of top 30 shares shed 27.9 to 1,840.1.

Government securities finished with losses stretching to almost £1 at the longer end, reflecting worries about the economy and the growing pressure for another rise in interest rates.

Among the leaders, losses were seen in ICI, 12½p to £11.06, **Glaxo**, 23p to 718p, **SmithKline Beecham**, 7p to 572p, **BOC**, 14p to 517p and **Hanson**, 4½p to 225p.

Higgs and Hill, the construction group, slipped 8p to 400p following the lapse of the unwanted, £167 million bid from YJ Lovell, the plant-hire group. The bid collapsed after its all-share offer received acceptances of only 35 per cent.

Lovell now intends to dispose of the 10 per cent stake in Higgs which it has built up. The speculators have been left wondering whether it will sell the shares to a single buyer or unload them in the market. But the price is likely to remain depressed until the future of the stake becomes known.

Standard Chartered, the international banking group, advanced 7p to 559p as the speculators took the view that last week's profit warning could bring the long-awaited bid.

The group gave a warning that pre-tax profits for the current year were unlikely to exceed last year's £313 million. It blamed bad debts in this country, corporate problems in Australia and Brazil's failure to pay interest on debt.

It has a big presence in the Far East and has attracted a number of influential shareholders from that part of the world, such as Sir YK Pao and Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat. Naturally enough, a bid from the Far East is being tipped.

The rest of the banks drifted lower. Falls were seen in **Barclays**, 6p to 549p, **Lloyds**, 4p to 289p, **Midland**, 6p to 360p, while **National Westminster** held steady at 348p after reporting earnings from its US subsidiary up from \$127 million to \$135 million (£82 million).

The oil sector lost some of its buoyancy, troubled by the falling price of US oil on the futures market. The price had been a firm market of late following the cold snap which had sent temperatures in Florida below those in London.

But yesterday's setback suggests that the rally may be over. BP fell 7p to 321p, accompanied by **Shell**, 11p to 451p, **Enterprise**, 5p to 637p, **Burmah**, 17p to 642p, and **Ultramar**, 8p to 351p.

Neepsend was a firm market in after hours' trading, climbing 5p to 59p on talk that the group had received planning permission for a shopping centre in Sheffield.

British Gas slipped 3p to 215p despite a buy recommendation from County NatWest WoodMac.

Michael Clark

Domeaction, the company which made a bid approach to International City Holdings, the money broker, is not intervening in the agreed £26.5 million merger between ICH and York Trust. But Domeaction says it reserves the right to reconsider if the bid is withdrawn or lapses.

UBS-Phillips & Drew, the broker, has picked Perkins Foods as one of its *Nine for 1990* among the smaller companies. It is forecasting a rise in earnings of 34 per cent for *1989* followed by about 18 per cent in the current year. The Perkins' share price ended 2p lower at 103p.

WORLD MARKETS

Yen bond hopes lift Nikkei by 420 points

Tokyo (Reuter) — A growing belief that long-term yields on yen bonds had peaked encouraged institutional and individual investors, lifting prices broadly at the close in modest dealings. Arbitrage buying by foreign and Japanese brokers pushed up the Nikkei index in late trading.

It surged by 420.47 points, or 1.14 per cent, to 37,257.01 after rising 107.08 on Friday. The index closed at its day's high, after moving above the 37,000 line in the morning.

The Nikkei slipped below that line early last week and lingered there for most of the week. Fading nerves about interest rates guided bidders toward large-capital shares. But most investors were still on the sidelines, demonstrated by a turnover of only 350 million shares compared with 500 million on Friday.

Shares linked to domestic demand, such as construction, railway, property and steel issues, attracted buyers. Rises outnumbered falls by more than five to two.

Despite relief about a slight rebound in bond prices yesterday after the key long-term bond yield reached 7 per cent on Friday, brokers said that trading was dampened by continued low bond prices, a weak yen and political uncertainty here and abroad.

Lower House parliamentary elections are expected on February 18 and there are doubts whether the ruling pro-business Liberal Democrats will keep their majority.

Japanese base

Bridgestone Corporation, the Japanese tyre manufacturer, is basing a new subsidiary, Bridgestone Industrial, in London to handle industrial rubber products sales throughout Europe. Capitalized at £250,000, it will sell a variety of products, including rubber tracks for agricultural equipment and construction machinery. Bridgestone expects the outlet's annual sales to reach £10 million by 1992.

Reverse for Dow in early trading

New York (Reuter) — The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 7 points to 2,670.90 in early trading. Shares fell in line with weaker bond prices.

An overnight gain in the Tokyo market provided some support. Falling shares outnumbered rising ones by five to four.

Union Carbide was active, falling ⅜ to 21⅝ after Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the Indian prime minister, said his government would review the compensation given by Union Carbide to the victims of 1984's Bhopal gas disaster.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index shed 4.64 to 2,771.65, dampened by cautious market sentiment that kept trade lacklustre. The broader-based Hong Kong index dipped 3.61 to 1,819.63.

● **Singapore** — Gains in Singaporean shares helped to push up the *Straits Times* industrial index by 8.20 to 1,535.41.

● **Sydney (AP-Dow Jones)** — The All-Ordinaries index edged down 2.1 to 1,671.8 after moving in a tight range.

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX index ended 5.74 up at 1,779.30. It reached a daytime high of 1,789.58 but then retreated.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	162	CU	543	L&G	797	Scot & N	548
Abbey Nat	963	Cookson	943	Lloyds	1,187	Sears	1,455
Alld-Lyons	1,020	Courtaulds	3,257	Lloyds Abb	233	Sedgwick	231
Amstrad	1,828	Dalgety	399	Lonrho	929	Shell	1,225
ASDA	1,219	Dixons	876	Lucas	366	Siebe	75
AB Foods	1,045	ECC	185	M&S	3,966	Slough	403
Argyll	2,142	Enterprise	1,427	Maxwell Cm	278	Smith & N	2,243
BAA	1,728	Ferranti	15,392	MB Group	606	SK Beech	1,101
BET	1,380	Fisons	1,397	MEPC	541	Smith WH	181
BTR	1,687	FKI	272	Midland	3,403	Smiths Ind	316
BAT	2,645	Gen Acc	109	Nat West	3,157	STC	927
Barclays	1,896	GEC	6,721	Next	1,485	Stan Chart	343
Bass	416	Glaxo	2,940	Nth Food	439	Storehse	343
Beazer	510	Globe Inv	470	P&O	418	Sun Allnce	422
Bensfd Intl	119	Glynwed	59	Pearl	n/a	T & N	796
BICC	677	Granada	604	Pearson	20	TI Group	732
Blue Arrow	1,153	Grand Met	2,893	Pilkington	1,485	Tarmac	1,722
Blue Circle	660	GUS 'A'	318	Polly Peck	3,235	Tate & Lyle	1,398
BOC	521	GRE	1,192	Prudential	2,676	Taylor Wood	434
Boots	1,689	GKN	638	Racal	2,795	TSB	5,065
BPB	481	Guinness	2,053	Racal Tele	1,054	Tesco	2,146
Br Aero	440	Hamm 'A'	21	Rk Hovis	1,089	Thorn EMI	506
Br Airways	1,312	Hanson	2,965	Rank	281	Trafalgar	715
Br Comm	2,118	H & C	50	R&C	39	THF	2,039
Br Gas	7,777	Hawker	80	Redland	153	Ultramar	996
Br Land	543	Hillsdown	1,456	Reed	699	Unigate	176
Br Petrol	2,905	IMI	42	Reuters	325	Unilever	657
Br Steel	4,506	ICI	1,503	RMC Gp	155	United Bis	3,061
Br Telecm	4,575	Inchcape	406	RTZ	1,753	Utd News	405
Bunzl	1,769	Jaguar	2	R-Royce	1,079	Wellcome	530
Burmah	82	Kingfisher	568	Rothmn 'B'	397	Whitbrd	410
Burton	1,292	Lasmo	1,003	Royal Bank	1,904	Wiliams	498
C&W	1,107	Ladbroke	1,633	Royal Ins	952	Wilks Fab	368
Cadbury	612	Land Sec	1,481	Saatchi	123	Wimpey G	588
Coats	830	Laporte	332	Sainsbury	429		

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 8	January 19	April 5	April 17

Call options were taken out on: 22/1/90 Saatchi & Saatchi, Lowndes Queensway, Mountleigh, Highland Distillers, Trident, Atlantic Resources, Rotork, Amber Day, Polymark, Coloroll, Spring Ram, Pentland.
Put: T Cowie.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abtrust Thai (100p)	99 -1
Analysis Hldgs	26
Anglo Park	78
Anglo Scan Inv Tst	92
Biocure (42p)	41
Cafe Ins	220
Chartwell	300
Chiltern Radio (210p)	277 -3
Citybond	215
Courtyard Leis (27p)	17 -1
East Surrey Water	£14½
Euromoney	383
Euro Project (50p)	51 +1
Fastforward	120
First Philip (50p)	41 +1
Gartmore Emerg Pacific	59
Grosvnr Dev (100p)	108 +2
Image Store (38p)	42
Lon & New York (100p)	99 -1
Malaysian Emerg	685 +5
Merlin Green Units	500
Micklegate Gp (75p)	71 +1
Oxford Virolgy	68 +1
Polysource	10½ -½
Prospect (10p)	11½
Sage Gp (130p)	169 +1
Storm Group (25p)	37
Surrey Gp	14½
Sutton Water	
TR High Inc (520p)	108

See main listing for Water shares

RIGHTS ISSUES

Audio Fidelity N/P	½ -½
Aviva Pet N/P	8½ -1½
Cook (Wms)np	19 -3
Medirace N/P	99 -3

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon (*502)	460	48	70	75	1	7	14
	500	11	40	50	4	20	27
	550	1	17	26	45	47	51
ASDA (*113)	110	5	14	18	2	8	9
	120	1½	9	15	9	13	15
	130	1	6	11	18	19	20
Bass (*1046)	1000	58	105	132	1½	16	27
	1050	12	70	98	12	32	47
	1100	1½	45	72	52	52	70
Boots (*267)	260	12	27	34	1½	9	12
	280	1½	16	23	12	16	22
	300	1	9	–	31	31	–
Brit Air (*207)	200	9	22	24	2	8	12
	220	1	11	15	14	18	21
	240	½	5	9	34	35	36
Brit Com (*89)	80	11	18	23	1½	4	6
	90	4	12	16	4	9	10
	100	1	7	10	13	16	18
BP (*323)	300	26	34	40	1	5	8
	330	2	15	21	6	13	20
	360	1	6	10	36	36	37
Brit Steel (*131)	120	12	17	20	½	1½	3½
	135	1	7	–	4½	6½	–
	145	½	3½	–	14	14	–
C & W (*530)	460	78	105	119	1	5½	10
	500	38	72	88	1	13	22
	550	4	40	57	15	32	43
Cons Gold (*1480)	1450	55	–	–	3	–	–
	1500	5	–	–	20	–	–
Com Union (*483)	420	69	77	85	1	5	6
	460	29	41	57	1½	14	17
	500	4	20	34	14	32	36
Courtauld (*368)	330	41	57	65	1	5	10
	360	13	35	42	2	14	20
	390	2	19	27	22	28	35
GKN (*418)	390	35	50	60	½	12	18
	420	10	29	42	6	27	30
	460	½	14	25	40	52	57
Grand Met (*810)	550	67	80	102	1	9	13
	600	19	45	68	3	26	31
	650	1	21	40	36	54	56
ICI (*1116)	1100	34	68	97	4	44	50
	1150	5	47	72	25	67	74
	1200	2	28	54	75	107	112
Jaguar (*849)	800	52	–	52	½	½	½
	850	½	½	½	½	–	1
	900	½	½	½	–	–	–
Kingfisher (*282)	280	8	27	32	2	12	20
	300	1	17	20	17	24	31
	330	1	7	11	47	47	54
Ladbroke (*314)	300	18	35	41	1½	7½	13
	325	2	–	–	10½	–	–
	360	1	6½	15	45	45	46
Land Sec (*506)	460	85	74	82	1	4	11
	500	14	42	52	3	15	22
	550	1½	17	27	42	42	50
M & S (*194)	180	17	28	31	½	3½	5½
	200	1½	13	17	5½	9	12
	220	1	5	8	25	25	25
STC (*254)	240	18	29	36	1	10½	15
	260	5	17	25	6	20	22
	280	1	10	18	27	32	36
Sainsbury (*258)	240	22	32	36	1	4	6
	260	4	18	23	4	9	13
	280	1	9	14	23	23	25
Shell (*454)	420	38	50	62	1½	6	12
	460	4	23	38	7	20	25
	500	1	9	20	47	50	52
Smkl Beech (*572)	541	38	–	–	1½	–	–
	600	2	27	45	25	35	39
	650	1	10	25	75	75	75
Storehse (*116)	100	18	23	27	½	3½	5½
	110	8	16	20	1	5½	9
	120	1½	10	12	5	9½	14
Trafalgar (*354)	317	45	–	–	½	–	–
	347	15	–	–	1½	–	–
	377	1	–	–	22	–	–
Ultramar (*353)	300	60	68	77	1	2	5
	330	30	43	55	1	8	12
	360	4	23	37	6	16	23
Unilever (*671)	650	30	53½	73½	2	13½	18½
	700	2	24½	44½	25	36½	41
	750	1	8½	25	75	74½	76½
Utd Elec (*338)	330	13	28	37	2	11	14
	360	1½	11	22	21	26	30
	390	1	5½	12	51	52	55
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA (*376)	330	52	65	73	1	5	9
	360	26	42	51	6	13	17
	390	7	27	33	20	24	29
BAT Ind (*819)	750	87	113	138	3	11	20
	800	45	75	103	11	30	37
	850	11	47	74	35	55	63
BTR (*430)	420	28	40	56	6	15	16
	460	8	21	33	26	36	37
	500	2	9	18	65	67	67
Brit Aero (*543)	500	55	68	85	5	19	24
	550	21	41	58	23	43	50
	600	6	22	37	61	75	80
Brit Tele (*290)	260	35	46	51	1	2	5
	280	17	29	38	4	7	10
	300	6	16½	23	12½	14	19
Cadbury (*340)	330	25	37	48	5	14	17
	360	9	22	34	21	31	33
	390	4	10	–	47	52	–
Guinness (*662)	600	77	90	110	3	8	13
	650	35	53	75	10	25	27
	700	9	30	48	37	47	50
GEC (*233)	200	39	45	51	1	2½	3½
	220	19	29	35	3	5	9
	240	4½	17	22	10	14	17
Hanson (*227)	200	32	40	44	1	2½	3½
	220	13½	24½	29	3½	6	8½
	240	3	12½	18	13	15	17½

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
LASMO (*579)	500	88	108	123	1	7	12
	550	45	72	88	7	20	25
	600	17	40	58	30	40	47
P & O (*604)	550	70½	82½	98½	2	9½	14
	600	27	46	85½	8½	25½	30½
	650	5½	22½	41	40½	55½	59½
Pilkington (*224)	200	30	40	–	1	4	–
	220	13	25	29	6	9	15
	240	3½	14	18	18	20	24
Plessey (*266)	260	11	–	–	½	–	–
	280	½	½	–	–	–	–
Prudential (*212)	180	37	39	43	1	2	3
	200	18	22	28	2	7	8
	220	6	11	17	10	16	18
Racal (*226)	210	25	35	–	2½	7	–
	230	11	23	–	10	16	–
	250	4	–	–	24	–	–
RTZ (*530)	493	53	–	–	2	–	–
	542	22	–	–	17	–	–
	600	4	14	25	68	73	75
Scot & New (*330)	330	20	36	45	10	20	28
	360	9	22	30	31	36	40
	390	4½	10	–	60	60	–
Tesco (*194)	160	37½	40½	45½	1½	1½	2½
	180	18½	24	30	2	4½	5½
	200	5	12½	18	9½	13½	14½
	Series	Jan	Mar	Jun	Jan	Mar	Jun
Abbey Nat (*177)	140	39	42	43	1	1½	3
	160	19	23	26	1	3	4
	180	1½	8	13	5	10	12
	Series	Jan	Mar	May	Jan	Mar	May
Ferranti (*29)	35	1	4	5½	7½	10	10½
	40	½	2½	3½	12½	13	14
Polly Peck (*405)	360	45	58	68	1½	5½	12½
	390	15	38	46½	2	14½	22½
	420	1	21½	30½	19	30½	39
Thames Wtr (*154)	140	14	19	23	1	1½	5
	160	1	7	12	8	12	13
	180	1	2	6	28	28	28
Wtr Package (*1583)	1500	90	140	180	10	30	35
	1550	40	100	145	20	45	50
	1600	20	80	120	40	70	80
	Series	Feb	Apr	Jun	Feb	Apr	Jun
Reuters (*1025)	950	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	5	18½	–
	1000	61½	94	–	15½	33½	–
	1050	31½	65½	–	37½	56½	–
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Amstrad (*51)	45	11	14	17	1½	4½	5½
	50	7	11	14	4	7	7½
	60	3½	8	10	10	11	12½
Barclays (*550)	500	65	75	85	7	12	16
	550	27	42	52	25	30	35
	600	8	20	30	62	62	65
Blue Circ (*248)	200	56	57	–	1	3	–
	220	37	39	46	2½	6	10
	250	17	–	–	10	–	–
Brit Gas (*216)	200	19	29	31	2	5	8
	220	7	16	19	10	12	14
	240	2½	7	11	27	28	28
Dixons (*127)	120	12	20	24	2½	6	8
	130	5	15	18	5	11	13
	140	2	10	13	14	16	19
Glaxo (*725)	750	32	55	84	35	45	50
	775	22	44	–	50	57	–
	800	15	35	67	69	74	79
Hawker (*693)	650	75	95	117	12	23	33
	700	43	65	85	32	43	55
	750	20	43	63	62	75	85
Hillsdown (*272)	260	27	35	45	6	9	14
	280	15	23	32	15	19	21
	300	7	15	21	30	31	32
Lonrho (*306)	280	31	42	50	8	12	15
	300	18	21	38	15	20	22
	330	7	17	25	37	36	40
Midland (*361)	330	42	48	–	9	12	–
	360	22	32	40	20	30	33
	390	9	21	25	45	47	55
R-Royce (*177)	160	23	27	32	2	6½	8
	180	9½	15	21	8½	15	16
	200	3½	7½	13	23	27½	29
Sears (*105)	100	10½	13	16	3	4½	6½
	110	5	8	10½	8	10	12
	120	2	4	7	16	18	19
THF (*285)	280	20	28	36	7	14	16
	300	9½	18	25	18	25	27
	330	3	9	14	45	46	47
Thorn EMI (*765)	700	93	119	–	5½	13	–
	750	54	84	90	19	30	40
	800	25	55	64	45	53	62
TSB (*131)	120	14	19	21	2½	4	5
	130	7	12	15	6	7	8
	140	4	7	9	15	15	17
Vaal Reefs (*$120)	120	9	15	17	11	14	17
	130	5½	11	14	17	20	22
Wellcome (*705)	650	90	119	–	16	25	–
	700	57	90	120	35	45	52
	750	32	64	94	60	70	75

FT-SE INDEX (*2308)

	2250	2300	2350	2400	2450	2500
Calls						
Jan	90	35	14	4	2	1
Feb	119	80	47	29	16	9
Mar	145	103	82	58	40	28
Apr	167	133	103	77	67	42
Jun	–	170	–	108	–	72
Puts						
Jan	11	25	52	98	127	177
Feb	35	52	77	110	140	188
Mar	49	70	88	118	150	193
Apr	56	72	98	120	154	193
Jun	–	63	–	135	–	197

January 22, 1990 Total: 27003 Calls 14707 Puts 12296 FT-SE: Calls n/a Puts n/a
*Underlying security price.

WALL STREET

	Jan 22 midday	Jan 19 close
Abbott Lab	67¾	68
Aetna Life	52	53¾
Ahmanson	17¾	17¾
Air Prods	46¾	46¾
Albertsons	53¾	53¾
Alcan Al	20¾	20¾
Alco Stand	32¾	32¾
Allied Signal	35	35¾
Alumin CA	65	65¾
Am Brands	65¾	65¾
Am Cyanmd	50¾	51¾
Am EPC	31	31¾
Am General	30¾	30¾
Am Home	103¾	103¾
Am Intl	95¾	96¾
Am Medical	5¾	5¾
Am Stores	57¾	57¾
Amax	22¾	23¾
Amer Hess	47¾	47¾
Amertech	59¾	61¾
Amex	31¾	31¾
Amoco	51¾	52¾
AMP	43¾	43¾
AMR	55¾	55¾
Anheuser-B	36¾	37
Apple Comp	34	34¾
Archer-Dan	21¾	21¾
Arkla	25¾	25
Armstrong	37	37
Asarco	29¾	30¾
Ashland Oil	38	38¾
AT&T	41¾	42¾
Atlan Richfld	108¾	109¾
Auto DP	48¾	48¾
Avery Intl	29¾	29¾
Avon Prod	32¾	33¾
Baltimore	31	31¾
Banc One	30¾	30¾
Bankamerica	26¾	25¾
Bard	19¾	19¾
Barnett Bk	31¾	33
Bausch Lmb	62	62¾
Baxter Intl	24¾	24¾
Bec Dickin	59	59¾
Bell Atlan	97¾	98¾
Bellsouth	52¾	52¾
Bklr Hughes	24¾	25¾
Black Decker	18¾	19¾
Block	33¾	33¾
Bnkrs Tst NY	39¾	40¾
Boeing	59¾	60¾
Boise Casc	40¾	41¾
Borden	33¾	34¾
Brist-Myer	54	55¾
Browng-Fer	33¾	34¾
Burl Nth	32¾	33
CAI	12¾	12¾
Campbell Sp	48¾	49¾
Cap Cities	535	542
Capital HC	48¾	48¾
Carolina	43¾	44¾
Caterpillar	54¾	55¾
CBS	175¾	177¾
Central SW	39	39¾
Champion	30	30¾
Chase Man	31¾	31¾
Chem Bnkg	26¾	26¾
Chevron	66¾	67
Chrysler	17¾	17¾
Chubb	94¾	94¾
Cigna	53	53¾
Citicorp	25¾	26
Clbrne Liz	23¾	23¾
Clorox	39¾	39¾
Cmbstn Eng	39¾	39¾
Cmwlth Edis	36¾	37¾
CNA Fncl	82¾	85
Coastal	31¾	31¾
Coca-Cola	71¾	72¾
Colgate-Pal	59¾	60¾
Columb Gas	49	49
Compaq	80¾	80
Conagra	26¾	26¾
Cons Edis	26¾	26¾
Cons NG	46¾	46¾
Cons Rail	47¾	48
Cooper Ind	36¾	36¾
Corning	41¾	42
CPC Intl	67¾	68¾
Crown Cork	53	53¾
CSX	34¾	34¾
Dana	31¾	32¾
Dayton-Hud	59¾	61¾
Deere	62¾	63
Delta Air	66¼	65¾
Deluxe	31	31¾
Detroit Ed	24¾	24¾
Digital Eq	78	77¾
Disney	107	108¾
Dominion	44¾	45¾
Donnelley	48¾	48¾
Dover	33¾	33¾
Dow Chem	67¾	68¾
Dow Jones	30¾	30¾
Dresser Ind	42¾	42¾
Du Pont	40¾	123¾
Duke Pwr	52¾	52¾
Dun Bradst	42¾	43¾
East Kodak	39¾	40¾
Eaton	51¾	52¾
Emerson El	38	39¾

	Jan 22 midday	Jan 19 close
Enron	55¾	55¾
Entergy	22¾	22¾
Ethyl	25¾	25¾
Exxon	48¾	48¾
Fed NMA	34¾	35¾
Fedrl Exprs	45¾	46¾
Flt Norstar	24¾	25¾
Fluor	37¾	38¾
Ford Motor	43¾	44¾
FPL	34¾	34¾
Fst Chicago	34¾	34¾
Fst Intrstt	45	44¾
Fst Union	19¾	19¾
Gannett	40¾	41¾
Gen Cinema	24¾	24¾
Gen Elec	63¾	64¾
Gen Mills	68¾	69¾
Gen Motors	41¾	42¾
Gen RE	84¾	83¾
Gen Signal	48¾	48¾
Genentech	20¾	21¾
Genuine Pts	38¾	38¾
Georgia-Pac	47	47¾
Gillette	46¾	47¾
Goodrich	40¾	40¾
Goodyear	38¾	39¾
Grace	29¾	30
Greyhound	29¾	29¾
Gt Atlantic	57¾	57¾
Gt Nor Nek	59¾	59¾
Gt Western	15¾	17¾
GTE	62¾	64
Hallibrtn	40¾	41¾
Heinz	31¾	31¾
Hercules	36	37¾
Hershey Fd	33	33¾
Hewlett Pkd	44¾	44¾
Hilton Htl	75¾	77¾
Holiday	65¾	67¾
Home Depot	37¾	38¾
Homestake	20¾	21
Honeywell	85¾	86
Houston Ind	34¾	34¾
Hsehld Intl	48¾	48¾
Humana	40¾	41¾
IBM	98¾	98¾
IF&F	64¾	64¾
Illinois TW	41¾	42¾
Inco	22¾	23
Ingsol-Rand	49¾	49¾
Intel	37	38
Intl Paper	52	52¾
ITT	54¾	55¾
James River	26¾	26¾
Johnsn Jhsn	55¾	57¾
K Mart	34¾	35
Kellogg	65¾	65¾
Kerr-McGee	48	49
Kimbly-Clrk	69	70
Knight-Ridr	53	53¾
Lilly	64¾	65¾
Limited	34¾	35¾
Lin Brdcstg	112¾	113¾
Lincln Nat	56¾	57¾
Litton Ind	76	76¾
Lockheed	39¾	39¾
Louis-Pac	39¾	39¾
Manu Hano	33¾	33¾
Marriott	28¾	29¾
Marsh Mclen	75¾	76¾
Martin Mar	42¾	42¾
Masco	24¾	24¾
May Dept	45¾	46¾
Maytag	18¾	18¾
MCA	57¾	57¾
McDnl Doug	60¾	61¾
McDonalds	31¾	31¾
McGraw-Hill	59¾	60¾
MCI Com	39¾	39¾
Mead	33¾	33¾
Medtronic	67¾	67¾
Melville	44¾	44¾
Merck	72¾	73¾
Merll Lynch	24¾	24¾
MM&M	79¾	80¾
Mobil	58¾	59¾
Monsanto	108¾	111¾
Moore	26¾	26¾
Morgan	36¾	37¾
Motorola	55¾	57¾
Nat Medical	35¾	36¾
Nat Service	27¾	27¾
Navistar	4	3¾
NCNB	44	44¾
NCR	64¾	64¾
NED Bncp	30¾	30¾
Newmnt Min	49¾	49¾
Niagr Mhwk	13¾	13¾
Nike	55¾	56
NL Indstrs	22¾	22¾
Nordstorm	34¾	35
Norflk Sthn	38¾	38¾
Norton	57¾	57¾
Norwest	20¾	21¾
Nthn St Pwr	36¾	37¾
Nthn Telcm	24	24¾
NY Times	24¾	25¾
Nynex	82¾	84
Occid Petrl	27¾	28¾
Ohio Edi	22¾	22¾
Oracle Sys	19¾	20¾

	Jan 22 midday	Jan 19 close
Oryx Enrgy	42¾	43¾
Pac Ent	47¾	47¾
Pac Gas Elec	21¾	21½
Pac Telesis	46¾	47
Paccar	40¾	41¾
Pacificrop	44	44¾
Pall	33¾	34¾
Paramount	48	48¾
Parker-Hanfn	27	27
Penney	68¾	68¾
Pennzoil	84	84
Pepsico	59	60
Pfizer	70	70¾
Philps Pet	23¾	24
Philps Elec	21¾	21¾
Phlp Morris	38¾	38¾
Phlps Dodge	54¾	56¾
Pitney Bow	42	42¾
Plcr Dome	19¾	19¾
PNC Fncl	39¾	39¾
Pnhdle Estn	27¾	27¾
Polaroid	44¾	45¾
PPG Inds	39¾	39¾
Prctr Gmble	67¾	68
Price	39	40¾
Primerica	26¾	26¾
Pub Service	27¾	27¾
Quaker Oats	51¾	53
Ralston Pur	80¾	82¾
Raychem	31¾	31¾
Raytheon	67¾	68¾
Reebok	16¾	17¾
Roadway	35¾	36¾
Rockwell	23¾	23¾
Rohm Haas	32¾	32¾
Royal Dutch	72	72¾
Rubbermaid	34	35
Rynlds Mtl	51¾	51¾
Safeco	36¾	36¾
Salomon	21¾	22¾
Sant Fe Pac	19¾	19¾
Sara Lee	29¾	29¾
Schecorp	37¾	37¾
Schlumbgr	47¾	48¾
Schrg-Plgh	81¾	82¾
Scott Papr	43¾	44¾
Seagram	85¾	86¾
Sears Rbk	38	38
Secrty Pac	37¾	38¾
Shrwn-Wlms	33¾	33¾
Snap-on Tls.	32¾	32¾
Southern	28¾	28¾
Sovran	35¾	36¾
St Paul	57	57¾
Stanley Wk	35¾	36¾
Stone Cntr	21¾	22¾
Sun	16¾	16¾
Sunst Bk	20¾	21¾
Super Valu	26¾	27¾
SW Bell	55¾	56
Syntex	51¾	51¾
Sysco	29¾	29
Tandem	25	25¾
Tandy	36¾	37
Tele-comm	16¾	17¾
Teledyne	350¾	354¾
Temple-In	61¾	61¾
Tenneco	60	60¾
Texaco	56¾	56¾
Texas Inst	33¾	34¾
Texas Util	34¾	34¾
Textron	22¾	23
Time Wrnr	131¾	131¾
Times Mirr	35½	35¾
Timken	29¾	30
Torchmark	51¾	52
Toys R Us	36¾	37¾
Transam	41¾	42¾
Travelers	34¾	35
Tribune	42¾	43¾
TRW	48	48¾
Tyco Lab	47¾	47
UAL	161¼	165
Un Camp	35¾	36¾
Un Carbide	21	22¾
Un Pacific	76¾	76¾
Unilever	78¾	79¾
Unisys	13¾	14¾
Unocal	27¾	27¾
Upjohn	35¾	36¾
US West	71¾	72¾
Usair Gp	28¾	28¾
USF&G	29	29¾
UST	28¾	27¾
USX	34¾	35
Utd Tech	52	52¾
Utd Telcm	34¾	34¾
VF	30¾	30¾
Wal-Mart	42¾	43¾
Walgreen	42¾	43
Waste Mgmt	32	32¾
Wells Fargo	71¾	72¾
Westg Elec	72¾	73¾
Weyerhsr	25	25¾
Whirlpool	29¾	30¾
Whitman	26¾	27¾
Winn-Dixie	58¾	58¾
Woolworth	60¾	61¾
Wrigley	51¾	51¾
Wrner-Lamb	109¾	111
Xerox	55¾	56¾

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Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	791.0	0.4	20.6	0.7	17.5	0.2	9.4
(free)	151.2	0.4	20.5	0.7	17.5	0.2	9.3
EAFE	1454.4	0.6	14.3	0.7	15.0	0.4	3.6
(free)	149.6	0.6	14.1	0.6	14.9	0.5	3.4
Europe	730.0	-0.5	34.9	-0.3	25.1	-0.7	22.3
(free)	156.8	-0.5	35.4	-0.6	25.3	-0.7	22.8
Nth America	508.5	0.0	34.0	-0.2	21.4	-0.2	21.5
Nordic	1530.2	-0.7	41.0	-0.4	27.9	-0.8	27.8
(free)	233.7	-0.4	55.0	-0.1	39.8	-0.5	40.6
Pacific	3645.1	1.3	5.0	1.3	10.3	1.1	-4.8
Far East	5299.8	1.3	4.5	1.4	10.2	1.1	-5.2
Australia	349.1	0.4	18.9	0.0	15.9	0.3	7.8
Austria	1645.3	-0.1	149.6	-0.3	119.1	-0.3	126.3
Belgium	954.7	-0.3	23.6	-0.2	7.9	-0.5	12.1
Canada	561.2	-0.4	27.2	-0.5	14.2	-0.6	15.3
Denmark	1298.0	-0.3	57.2	0.0	38.3	-0.5	42.6
Finland	114.6	0.9	-1.1	1.0	-13.0	0.7	-10.3
(free)	151.6	1.4	26.8	1.6	11.5	1.3	14.9
France	755.4	-0.6	40.5	-0.3	22.9	-0.8	27.4
Germany	889.7	-0.3	56.4	0.1	37.5	-0.4	41.8
Hong Kong	2127.4	0.0	11.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	0.8
Italy	379.0	0.1	29.3	0.5	14.7	-0.1	17.3
Japan	5635.9	1.4	3.8	1.4	10.0	1.2	-5.9
Netherlands	873.1	-0.4	36.0	0.1	19.4	-0.5	23.3
New Zealand	102.9	-0.3	20.3	0.0	12.1	-0.5	9.1
Norway	1417.4	1.1	70.2	1.2	55.3	1.0	54.3
(free)	243.7	1.1	68.3	1.2	53.6	1.0	52.6
Sing/Malay	2017.1	0.1	59.0	0.1	39.2	-0.1	44.1
Spain	218.1	-0.1	9.9	0.0	-2.1	-0.3	-0.3
Sweden	1690.1	-1.5	40.4	-1.2	29.8	-1.7	27.3
(free)	238.7	-1.2	50.5	-1.0	39.1	-1.4	36.5
Switzerland	893.5	-0.7	36.3	-0.1	25.7	-0.9	23.6
(free)	137.3	-0.7	38.5	-0.1	27.7	-0.8	25.6
UK	690.8	-0.7	26.5	-0.7	26.5	-0.9	14.7
USA	457.1	0.0	34.6	-0.1	22.0	-0.1	22.0

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

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...tion. It blamed bad debts in this country, corporate problems in Australia and Brazil's failure to pay interest on debt. It has a big presence in the Far East and has attracted a number of influential shareholders from that part of the world, such as Sir Y K Pao and Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat. Naturally enough, a bid from the Far East is being tipped.

The rest of the banks drifted lower. Falls were seen in **Barclays**, 5p to 540p, **Lloyds**, 4p to 260p, **Midland**, 6p to 360p, while **National Westminster** held steady at 346p after reporting earnings from its US subsidiary up from $122 million to $135 million (£82 million).

The oil sector lost some of its buoyancy, troubled by the falling price of US oil on the futures market. The price had been a firm market of late following the cold snap which had sent temperatures in Florida below those in London.

But yesterday's setback suggests that the rally may be over. BP fell 7p to 321p, accompanied by Shell, 11p to 445p, Enterprise, 5p to 637p, Burmah, 11p to 642p, and Ultramar, 5p to 351p.

Neepsend was a firm market in after hours' trading, climbing 5p to 59p on talk that the group had received planning permission for a shopping centre in Sheffield.

British Gas slipped 3p to 211p despite a buy recommendation from County NatWest WoodMac.

Michael Clark

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Sheffield Insl	Building,Roads	
2	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
3	Shaftsbury	Property	
4	Radiant Metal	Industrials L-R	
5	Hambro Countrywd	Property	
6	Booker	Foods	
7	Rank Org (aa)	Industrials L-R	
8	Vosper-Thorny	Industrials S-Z	
9	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
10	Blockleys	Building,Roads	
11	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
12	Tiphook	Shipping	
13	Asda	Property	
14	Scott & Robertson	Industrials S-Z	
15	Pittard Garnar	Shoes, Leather	
16	Bolton Gp	Textiles	
17	ASW	Industrials A-D	
18	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
19	Oliver (G)	Drapery,Stores	
20	Wood (Arthur)	Industrials S-Z	
21	Shield	Property	
22	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
23	Speyhawk	Property	
24	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
25	SD-Scicon	Electricals	
26	Costain	Building,Roads	
27	Scot TV	Leisure	
28	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
29	Builder Gp	Newspapers,Pub	
30	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
31	Zetters Gp	Leisure	
32	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
33	UK Land	Property	
34	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
35	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
36	Neepsend	Industrials L-R	
37	LASMO (aa)	Oil,Gas	
38	Laird	Industrials L-R	
39	Photo-Me	Industrials L-R	
40	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	
41	Anglo Gp	Banks,Discount	
42	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
43	Stand Chart (aa)	Banks,Discount	
44	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
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Weekly Dividend

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 15. Dealings end January 26. §Contango day January 29. Settlement day February 5. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 26).

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BRITISH FUNDS

High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)								
99¾	97⅞	Treas	3%	1989	99⅝	..	3.08	0.200
99¾	95	Treas C	9½%	1989	99⅜	..	9.51	12.436
92⅛	87¾	Exch	2½%	1990	93⅛	..	2.6	11.319
97⅝	91⅝	Treas	3%	1990	97⅜	..	3.08	12.531
98⅝	91⅜	Treas	8%	1990	97⅛	..	8.30	11.893
97⅛	92⅝	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	97⅝	..	8.43	13.561
98⅝	92⅝	Treas	10%	1990	98⅛	..	10.2	12.404
99⅜	93⅝	Exch	11%	1990	99⅛	● ..	11.0	15.696
101⅜	93⅝	Exch	12½%	1990	99⅛	..	12.5	15.204
90¾	88⅜	Treas	3%	1991	90⅛	-⅛	3.3	11.578
93⅝	88⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	92⅝	-⅛	6.2	12.564
94⅝	89	Treas	8%	1991	91⅜	..	8.7	13.365
101⅛	96⅝	Treas C	10%	1991	96⅝	..	10.3	11.805
101⅜	93	Exch	11%	1991	96⅛	..	11.4	13.464
101⅜	92⅝	Treas	11¾%	1991	97⅛	..	12.0	14.209
86⅝	82⅜	Treas	3%	1992	85⅝	-⅛	3.5	10.958
94	88⅛	Treas	8%	1992	90⅛	-⅛	8.8	13.060
99½	90⅛	Treas	10%	1992	94⅝	●-⅛	10.5	15.089
100⅛	91⅝	Treas C	10½%	1992	95⅜	-⅛	10.6	11.243
105⅝	92	Exch	12¼%	1992	98⅝	●-⅛	12.4	12.596
106⅛	95⅜	Treas	12¼%	1992	99⅜	●-⅛	12.8	13.062
108⅝	100⅛	Exch	13½%	1992	101⅛	-⅛	13.3	12.829
88	84	Fund	6%	1993	84⅝	-⅛	7.0	11.270
94⅝	86⅝	Treas	8¼%	1993	89	●-⅛	9.2	12.572
100⅛	92⅝	Treas	10%	1993	93⅝	-⅛	10.6	12.480
108⅝	97⅝	Treas	12½%	1993	100	-⅛	12.4	12.462
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS								
94⅝	86	Treas	8½%	1994	88⅝	●-⅛	9.6	12.302
92	92	Treas	8½%	1994 ●	92	..	..	....
96⅝	87⅝	Treas	9%	1994	89⅝	-⅛	10.0	11.943
100⅝	91⅝	Treas	10%	1994	93⅛	-⅛	10.7	12.008
110⅛	96	Exch	12½%	1994	101⅝	●-⅛	12.3	12.164
113⅛	102⅛	Exch	13½%	1994	104⅝	-⅛	12.9	12.213
117⅝	107⅝	Treas	14½%	1994	107⅝	-⅛	13.4	12.108
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS								
79⅛	72	Gas	3%	1990-95	75⅝	..	4.08	9.503
101⅝	90⅝	Exch	10¼%	1995	93⅝	●-⅛	10.9	11.890
108⅝	97⅝	Treas	12%	1995	99⅝	●-⅛	12.0	12.027
113⅝	101⅝	Treas	12¾%	1995	104⅝	-⅛	12.2	11.758
97⅛	88⅝	Treas	9%	1992-96	88⅝	-⅛	10.1	11.655
101⅝	91⅝	Conv	10%	1996	92⅝	-⅛	10.8	11.610
117⅝	99⅝	Exch	13¼%	1996	106⅝	-⅛	12.4	11.728
119⅝	105⅝	Treas	14%	1996	108⅝	●-⅛	12.9	11.981
126⅝	113	Treas	15¼%	1996	115⅝	-⅛	13.2	11.781
95⅝	86⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	86⅝	-⅛	10.0	11.343
104⅝	91⅝	Exch	10½%	1997	94⅝	●-⅛	11.0	11.546
118⅝	104⅝	Treas	13¼%	1997	107⅝	●-⅛	12.3	11.622
128⅝	115⅝	Exch	15%	1997	116	-⅛	12.8	11.730
129⅝	115⅝	Exch	15%	1997	118	-⅛	12.8	11.730
84⅛	77	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	77⅝	-⅛	8.7	10.999
100⅝	89⅝	Exch	9¾%	1998	91⅝	●-⅛	10.6	11.399
127⅛	100⅝	Exch	12%	1998	102⅝	-⅛	11.6	11.495
134⅝	120⅝	Treas	15½%	1998	121	-⅛	12.8	11.581
100⅝	88⅝	Treas	9½%	1999	91	-⅛	10.4	11.127
104⅝	92⅝	Conv	10¼%	1999	94	-⅛	10.8	11.259
105⅝	93⅝	Treas	10½%	1999	95⅝	-⅛	11.0	11.306
115⅝	104⅝	Exch	12¼%	1999	104⅝	-⅛	11.7	11.458
94⅛	84	Treas	8½%	2000	84⅝	●-⅛	10.0	11.010
97⅛	87⅝	Conv	9%	2000	87⅝	-⅛	10.2	11.011
122⅝	107⅝	Treas	13%	2000	109⅝	-⅛	11.8	11.389
102⅛	90⅝	Conv	9¾%	2001	91⅝	●-⅛	10.6	11.065
103⅝	92⅝	Treas	10%	2001	93	●+⅛	10.7	11.124
124⅝	109	Treas	14%	1998-01	112	-⅛	12.4	11.697
97⅝	86⅝	Exch	9%	2002	87	-⅛	10.3	10.917
102⅝	91⅝	Treas	9¾%	2002	91⅝	●+⅛	10.6	10.970
104⅛	93	Conv	10%	2002	93⅛	-⅛	10.7	11.001
114	99⅝	Exch	12%	1999-02	102⅝	● ..	11.7	11.535
108⅝	93⅝	Treas	10%	2003	94⅝	-⅛	10.6	10.813
127	112	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	113⅝	●-⅛	12.0	11.440
59⅛	52⅝	Fund	3½%	1999-04	53⅝	+⅛	6.6	9.585
102⅝	91	Conv	9½%	2004	91⅝	-⅛	10.4	10.678
105⅝	93⅝	Treas	10%	2004	94⅝	-⅛	10.5	10.736
113⅝	101⅝	Treas	11½%	2001-04	101⅝	-⅛	11.3	11.273
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS								
103⅛	91⅛	Conv	9½%	2005	91⅝	-⅛	10.3	10.632
111⅝	98⅛	Exch	10½%	2005	98⅝	-⅛	10.5	10.612
125⅛	110	Treas	12½%	2003-05	111⅝	-⅛	11.2	10.861
90⅝	79⅝	Treas	8%	2002-06	80⅝	-⅛	9.9	10.530
96⅝	83⅛	Treas	8½%	2007	84⅝	-⅛	9.9	10.372
118⅛	103⅝	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	106	●-⅛	11.0	10.869
101	89	Treas	9%	2008	89⅝	-⅛	10.0	10.299
134⅝	119⅝	Treas	13½%	2004-08	119⅝	-⅛	11.2	10.778
92⅝	80⅝	Treas	8%	2009	80⅝	-⅛	9.8	10.260
102	87⅝	Conv	9%	2011	89⅝	-⅛	10.0	10.220
68⅛	59⅝	Treas	5½%	2008-12	59⅝	-⅛	9.2	10.026
89⅝	77⅛	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	78⅝	●-⅛	9.9	10.163
132⅝	114⅝	Exch	12%	2013-17	115⅝	..	10.3	10.226
UNDATED								
36⅛	24⅝	Consols	2½%		24⅝	..	..	—
45⅛	38⅝	Consols	4%		39⅝	● ..	..	—
70⅝	59⅝	Conv	3½%		60⅝	..	5.7	—
29⅛	23⅛	Treas	2½%		24⅝	..	..	—
41⅝	30⅝	Treas	3%		30⅝	..	9.3	—
40⅛	34⅛	War Ln	3½%		34⅝	..	..	—
INDEX-LINKED								
112⅛	103⅝	Treas IL	2%	1992	111⅝			
105⅛	94⅝	Treas IL	2%	1994	104⅝			
159	138⅝	Treas IL	2%	1996	154⅝			
131⅝	118⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2001	128⅝	-⅛		
138⅛	119⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2003	125⅝	-⅛		
131⅝	117⅝	Treas IL	2%	2006	126⅝	●-⅛		
123⅛	111⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2009	119⅝	-⅛		
128⅛	114⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2011	124⅝	●-⅛		
108⅛	94⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2013	103⅝	●-⅛		
115⅝	102⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2016	112	●-⅛		
113⅛	100⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2020	109⅝	-⅛		
95⅛	84⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2024	92⅝	-⅛		

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
191	130	Abbey National (aa)	175	177	-1	10.3	5.9	7.2
292	120	Allied Irish	275	282	+4			
338	295	Anglo Gp	290	310	+3	4.4	1.5	17.0
81	57	Ansbacher (Henry)	70	75		2.7	3.7	27.9
303	216	Aus New Z	292	298	●+2	..	..	..
22⅛	9⅛	Banco Central	16⅛		+⅛	..	..	..
314	225	Bank of Ireland	280	287	+5	..	..	..
19⅛	17⅛	Bank Leumi Israel	18	21				
393	340	Bank Leumi UK	335	355		18.5	5.4	8.7
125	88	Bank Of Scotland	114	116		5.3	4.6	8.3
67	49	Bank Of Wales	50	57		3.7	6.9	13.4
592	484	Barclays (aa)	547	550	-6	32.5	5.9	6.3
30	10	Benchmark	18	21	+1	2.3	11.0	10.0
350	285	Brown Shipley	315	325	+2	14.7	4.6	20.6
453	325	Cater Allen	410	420		31.3	7.5	13.4
73	61	Cattles	56	66		4.5	6.7	9.5
259	157	Citicorp	173	180	●+12	11.5	6.5	7.9
28⅛	15⅛	Chase Manhattan	16⅛		+⅛	..	..	..
22⅛	14	Citicorp	15⅛		-⅛	..	..	..
269	163	Close Bros	240	250		9.0	3.7	15.8
115⅛	77⅛	Commerzbank	100⅛			..	..	..
314⅛	158⅛	Deutsche Bank	275		+⅛	..	..	..
281	182	First Nat Fin	215	220	●-1	17.3	7.9	6.7
41	19	FPS	20	23	+1	0.3	1.4	..
322	230	Gerrard Nat	277	285		24.7	8.8	63.3
153	119	Guinness Mahon	148	152	●+1	2.8	1.9	16.0
299	181⅛	Hambros	288	292	+3	13.7	4.7	11.5
90	38	HK Shanghai	55	57				
495	423	Joseph (Leopold)	455	465		21.1	4.5	19.6
145	115	King & Shaxson	137	142	-1	12.3	8.8	14.6
470	384	Kleinwort Benson	405	409	+6	18.7	4.6	61.1
315	213	Lloyds (aa)	257	260	$-4	15.7	4.4	5.4
56	40	Lon Scot Fin	52	55	-1	3.2	5.9	11.3
475	380	Midland (aa)	358	362	-6	23.0	6.3	5.8
382	297	Morgan Grenf	378	380	+2	14.5	3.7	72.5
382	260	Nat Aust Bk	315	319	●+3			
393	334	Nat West (aa)	345	348	..	19.8	5.7	6.0
408	303	Provident	332	337	+2	23.1	6.6	10.6
83	48	Rea Bros	40	50		0.7	1.5	45.3

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
240	155	Rothschild (J) Hld	192	197	+2	14.0	7.2	6.1
218	139	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	199	201	● ..	9.6	4.8	6.8
17⅛	870	Schroders	16⅛	16⅛	..	28.0	1.6	17.9
572	450	Stand Chart (aa)	557	560	+7	46.7	8.4	4.8
138	99	TSB (aa)	130	131	+⅛	7.7	5.9	19.8
610	470	Union Disc	580	590	..	40.0	6.8	31.6
525	276	Warburg SG	485	490	..	17.7	3.6	15.3
179	98	Do 6% 'A'	165	168	-3	8.0	4.8	..
56	33	Wells Fargo	44⅛	..	●-⅛	..	..	..
294	226	Westpac	276	280	●+7	..	..	..
468	408	Wintrust	405	420	..	10.4	2.5	12.3

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
574	427	Allied-Lyons (aa)	498	500	●-8	20.9	4.2	13.0
11⅛	793	Bass (aa)	10⅛	10⅛	●-⅛	37.6	3.6	11.4
203	148	Boddington	160	165	..	6.1	3.7	17.9
206	135	Bulmer (H P)	186	193	●-1	9.5	5.0	18.4
255	190	Burtonwood Brew	220	228	● ..	4.7	2.1	25.8
450	385	Clark (Matthew)	375	398	..	17.7	4.6	9.9
361	277	Devenish (JA)	278	285	●-2	6.2	2.2	11.4
658	425	Grand Met (aa)	606	610	-12	23.7	3.9	10.9
379	258	Greenall Whit	330	335	●-2	11.8	3.5	10.9
622	388	Greene King	395	403	● ..	12.0	3.0	16.0
689	339	Guinness (aa)	659	662	-12	18.5	2.5	17.2
975	810	Hardys & Hansons	925	945	● ..	37.5	4.0	13.5
261	135	Highland Distl	242	247	-3	5.1	2.1	23.5
515	456	Mansfield	468	478	..	14.2	3.0	15.3
240	168	Marston Thompson	213	218	●+1	4.7	2.2	22.0
895	647	Morland	770	810	● ..	13.7	1.7	12.5
580	283	SA Breweries	545	565				
449	284	Scot & New (aa)	327	330	●-7	16.2	4.9	14.2
348	275	Vaux Group	308	312	r ..	10.5	3.4	18.6
427	299	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	392	394	-11	17.5	4.5	12.9
12	930	Do 'B'	11⅛	12⅛	..	17.5	1.5	38.5
494	413	Wolverhmptn & D	410	418	● ..	10.9	2.6	13.4
535	475	Young 'A'	480	500	-5	14.7	3.0	29.1

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
204	105	Abbey	115	125	..	..	..	..
535	328	Amec	463	472	..	24.0	5.1	8.8
460	78	Anglia Sec	133	126	●-1	2.7	2.2	..
258	140	Arncliffe	132	147	-1	8.3	5.9	4.2
518	285	Atwoods	442	448	●-2	10.7	2.4	21.0
275	201	BPB Ind (aa)	225	230	●-2	14.7	6.4	7.0
219	127	Baggeridge Brick	131	138	●-4	4.2	3.1	8.5
119	45	Bailey (Ben) Constr	65	70	s ..	2.5	3.7	5.3
208⅛	145⅛	Beazer Group	180	184	..	4.3	2.4	20.4
215	153	Bellway Devs	185	188	..	17.9	9.6	8.0
268	146	Bellway	190	193	●+1	14.7	7.7	5.0
88	26	Bellwinch	31	36	-2	6.0	14.7	5.0
261	125	Berkeley Gp	198	205	● ..	6.0	3.0	5.9
151	102⅛	Bett Bros	133	143	● ..	7.7	5.6	7.3
220	110	Blockleys	140	180	+6	6.1	4.1	10.9
303	198	Blue Circle (aa)	243	248	-3	14.0	5.7	10.1
514	372	Boot (Henry)	450	460	-3	24.0	5.3	38.3
153	94	Breedon PLC	100	110	..	5.3	5.0	12.8
193	124	Br Dredging	150	155	..	8.5	5.6	11.9
138	81	Bryant	108	110	-1	6.4	5.9	8.6
150	95	CALA	110	115	..	4.4	3.9	6.2
280	130	CRH	276	281	+1	..	..	..
163	78	Calderstand Roberts	75	85	..	5.5	6.9	8.1
181	140	Colroy	162	172	+2	10.0	6.0	5.5
11⅛	373	Condor Gp	825	875	-5	18.7	2.2	14.9
269	96	Copson PLC	102	107	●-1	5.3	5.0	10.5
371	257	Costain	298	302	+1	16.0	5.4	8.9
311	151	Countryside	205	214	..	5.3	2.5	5.7
231	184	Crest Nicholson	198	201	-1	10.2	5.1	7.2
143	78	Crosby James	95	100	..	5.0	5.1	4.0
511	268	Douglas (RM)	407	445	● ..	10.0b	2.3	12.7
48	31⅛	Edmond Hldgs	44⅛	45⅛	..	2.5	5.6	6.9
107	60	Erith	65	70	..	5.2	7.6	7.4
184	94	Eversid	138	140	..	7.2	5.2	10.0
277	68	Federated Hsg	77	82	..	10.0	12.5	2.1
93	53	Fitzroy Gp	54	58	● ..	6.5	11.6	5.7
101	68	Galliford	82	84	..	5.2	6.3	10.6
282	185	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	175	195	..	..	..	21.7
863	500	Gleeson (MJ)	710	795	● ..	12.5	1.7	9.7
195	155	Harrison Ind	155	165	..	9.4	5.9	14.9
136	102⅛	Hewden-Stuart	111	112	-2⅛	3.7	3.3	10.2
310	207	Heywood Williams	248	251	..	16.0	6.4	6.9
466	263	Higgs & Hill	385	403	-8	16.5	4.1	9.1
106	70	Hove Gp	68	73	..	4.8	6.8	7.6
50	34	Howard Hldgs	32	35	-2	2.0	5.9	4.8
186	117	Ibstock Johnsen	137	141	s -3	7.7	5.5	7.6
156	111	Jarvis	122	127	..	3.1	2.5	14.0
370	194	Laing (J)	275	278	-1	16.0	5.8	5.7
159	68	Lawrence (Walter)	78	82	-1	10.0	12.5	3.3
76	48⅛	Lilley	60	61	..	2.7	4.5	8.9
287	214	Lovell (YJ)	245	248	-4	11.7	4.7	6.4
240	185	Manders	204	208	..	8.7	4.2	17.1
192	115	Marley	134	138	-2	8.5	6.3	8.0
145	97	Marshalls	121	123	-3	6.0	4.9	8.0
124	67	Meaders (J)	81	85	..	6.3	7.6	4.4
395	285	McAlpine (Alfred)	350	358	..	21.5	6.1	10.6
407	73	McCarthy & S	119	123	● ..	5.3	4.4	20.2
473	302	Meyer Int	354	359	●-6	20.3	5.7	8.3
12⅛	109	Miller (Stanley)	168	175	-2	5.3b	3.1	10.5
472	314	Mowlem (John)	360	368	-8	28.5	7.3	8.1
145	69	MSM	115	118	..	4.0	3.4	16.0
211	158	Newman Tonks	157	162	..	11.9	6.3	12.4
197	121	Persimmon	152	155	-1	8.7	5.6	6.0
115	87	Phoenix Timber	100	104	●-3	3.7	3.6	13.6
18⅛	10⅛	Pochins	13⅛	14⅛	..	32.8	2.3	7.0
171	110	Prowting	129	133	-1	6.7	5.1	5.8
810	501	RMC Gp (aa)	672	682	-7	20.9	3.1	11.6
171	82	Raine Ind	102	104	-2	6.7	6.5	8.3
631	415	Redland (aa)	565	570	-7	35.2	6.2	10.9
222	132⅛	Rugby Group	169	173	..	7.7	4.5	10.7
295	87	Sharpe & Fisher	88	95	-10	5.3	5.8	11.5
155	⅛	Sheffield Insl	130	135	+2	5.7	4.3	10.7
188	128	Smart (J)	178	183	..	8.5	4.7	9.1
487	299	Steetley	390	395	-3	16.3	4.1	10.0
359	211	Tarmac (aa)	244	246	-4	14.8	5.7	7.2
154	92	Tay Homes	103	107	-1	5.3	5.0	4.2
335	235	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	291	298	-3	10.3	3.5	14.0
684	343	Tilbury Group	617	635	+1	42.7	6.8	16.4
283	153	Travis Perkins	178	188	..	10.0	5.5	8.5
140	98	Try Group	103	108	-2	5.3	5.0	6.9
392	248	Tunnel	295	303	..	16.3	5.5	8.5
251	136	Vibroplant	165	170	-1	4.3	2.6	9.6
395	180	Ward Group	325	345	-8	8.0	2.4	16.0
184	67	Ward Hldgs	81	85	-1	3.5	4.2	4.7
400	318	Watts Blake	370	380	..	10.3	2.7	15.5
279	167	Westbury	205	209	-1	11.7	5.7	4.0
270	64	Wiggins	68	73	+1	12.0	16.9	2.2
276	186	Wilson Bowden	245	248	-1	9.2	3.7	8.4
198	137	Wilson (Connolly)	174	175	..	4.2	2.4	9.7
311	203	Wimpey G (aa)	242	247	-3	13.7	5.6	7.5
144	81	YRM	98	103	..	5.1	5.0	7.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	118⅛	Allied Colloids	159	162	● ..	3.7	2.3	18.1
552	339	Amersham	365	375	-2	14.9	4.0	17.5
81	39	Anglo Utd	58	59⅛	-⅛	1.6	2.7	14.6
152	108	BTP	137	141	●-1	9.7	7.0	13.5
118⅛	87⅛	Bayer DM50	107⅛		+⅛			
206	158	Blagden	187	198	-1	11.6	6.1	11.5
154	112	Brent Chems	125	128	-1	8.2b	6.5	9.8
583	305	Card Gp	517	525	+7	8.7	1.7	27.1
303	195⅛	Canning (W)	218	225	..	10.4	4.7	10.8
496	213	Coates Bros	485	485	..	10.9	2.3	14.9
253	169	Croda	177	182	-2	13.7	7.6	10.7
139	163	Ellis & Everard	230	230	●+1	8.7	3.9	13.4
30	15	European Colour	15	17	●-1	1.2	7.5	11.1
211	123	Evode	141	145	..	8.1	5.7	10.5
384	232	Foseco	282	287	-5	17.3	6.1	9.8
383	208	Halstead (James)	228	235	..	12.7	5.5	7.3
233	195	Hickson	217	223	r ..	9.5	4.3	10.6
112⅛	89⅛	Hoechst DM50	100⅛		+⅛			
13⅛	10	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	11	11⅛	-⅛	70.7	6.4	8.2
522	358	Laporte (aa)	505	510	-2	19.3	3.8	15.4
409	225	Leigh	337	340	●+1	8.6	2.5	23.9
16⅛	10	Norsk Hydro	15⅛					
183	98	Plysu	115	119	● ..	4.1	3.5	10.2
410	228	Rentokil	398	405	..	6.1	1.5	24.8
200	126	Sutcliffe Speakman	196	201	-1	2.7	1.4	26.9
564	242	Wardle Storeys plc	295	303	..	18.7	6.3	16.1
458	313	Wolstenholme Rink	320	345	..	21.1	6.3	7.3
400	231	Yorkshire Chem	370	375	-1	14.0	3.8	12.0
150	111	Yule Catto	132	137	-1	5.5	4.1	11.3

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
423	314	Alexon	400	403	●-2	15.3	3.8	11.5
72⅛	40	Amber Day	51	52	-1	2.0	3.9	15.3
131	65	Aquascutum 'A'	123	127	-1	4.0	3.2	19.6
128	66	Ashley (Laura)	68	71	-4	3.1	4.4	10.9
425	360	Austin Reed	400	420	..	12.0	2.8	22.7
166	110	Beattie (James) 'A'	128	132	-1	6.1	4.7	11.6
297	170	Bentalls	183	190	..	4.7	2.5	30.4
310	68	Blacks Leis	73	77	● ..	4.0	5.3	9.4
651	240	Body Shop	585	595	● ..	1.9	0.3	55.7
106	52	Bremner	60	85	● ..	2.7	3.7	..
66	37	Brown & Jackson	64	65⅛	..	1.2	1.8	19.0
213	133	Brown (N)	172	180	+2	6.8	3.9	28.1
268	165	Burton (aa)	197	200	●-5	12.3	6.2	6.1
136	95	Cantors 'A'	100	105	+1	4.0	3.9	7.1
67	33	Casket plc	31	34	-2	1.6	4.8	47.1
443	335	Church	375	405	..	16.0	4.1	14.1
177	134	Coats Viyella (aa)	136	138	-5	12.0	8.8	8.6
200	147	Courts Furnishers	167	173	..	6.7	3.9	12.2
610	473	DAKS Simpson 'A'	475	500	+15	14.6	3.0	9.1
48⅛	29	Dewhirst (IJ)	33	35	+⅛	1.5	4.4	7.1
174	98	Dixons Gp (aa)	129	130	●-1	7.5b	5.9	10.9
428	205	Dunhill	408	418	-2	6.0	1.5	23.9
62	38	ERA Gp	43	46	..	3.7	8.2	13.2
10⅛	725	Elys (Wimbledon)	10	10⅛	..	18.0	1.8	23.5
216	115	Empire Stores	113	117	-2	..	..	14.4
223	139	Etam	180	185	-2	9.1	5.0	11.1
292	198	Fine Art Dev	273	277	●+1	10.7	3.9	15.2
345	320	Foramost	335	355	● ..	12.4	3.6	8.8
81	44	Gent SR	73	78	..	3.3	4.4	9.9
208	82	Goldberg (A)	95	100	-1	..	..	..
17	14⅛	GUS	14⅛	14⅛	..	43.3b	3.0	14.3
12⅛	953	Do 'A' (aa)	10⅛	10⅛	..	43.3	4.2	10.1
36⅛	27⅛	Helene Plc	30⅛	32	..	2.5	7.9	12.8
170	115	Hogg Robinson plc	112	117	..	6.3	5.5	26.7
66	39	Hollas	39	41	..	4.3	10.8	7.1
195	148	House Of Lerose	147	157	..	13.3	8.8	13.7
373	223	Kingfisher (aa)	278	283	-6	14.4	5.1	9.7
77	57	Leslie Wise Gp	67	70	-1	4.3	6.2	9.7
11⅛	410	Liberty	430	450	..	7.2	1.6	18.1
53	4	L Ossonaway	4	5	-3⅛	2.1	46.7	1.9
225	145⅛	Marks Spencer (aa)	193	185	●-3	7.7	4.0	14.8
430	281	Menzies (John)	335	345	-1	8.5	2.5	12.8
293	200	Moss Bros	205	215	..	6.0	2.9	30.3
163	78	Next (aa)	83	86	-3	8.8	10.4	8.9
270	172	Oliver (G)	195	205	+5	6.8	3.4	18.0
123	30	Pentos	104	107	..	2.5	2.4	10.4
288	168	Ratners Group	256	260	-3	10.5	4.1	9.8
79	59	S & U Stores	65	70	..	6.0	8.8	5.8
137	98⅛	Sears (aa)	104	105	-1⅛	6.9	6.6	9.9
368	228	Smith WH 'A' (aa)	325	328	-1	13.9	4.3	12.1
193	59	Sock Shop	72	77	-1	2.8	3.7	9.7
198	105	Storehouse (aa)	114	117	●+1	11.7	10.1	..
152	108	T & S Stores	128	133	..	5.3	4.0	11.5
320	233	Tiebot & Britten	275	285	..	8.7	3.1	16.4
98	43	Tie Rack	45	48	..	1.8	3.8	7.7
246	150	Time Products	183	187	-1	8.7	4.7	8.4
91	58	Vivat	59	63	-2	..	..	..
237	149	Wickes	197	202	-5	5.1	2.6	11.5
120	103	Wyvong Office	98	108	..	5.6	5.4	7.8

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	268	AB Elect	292	304	+2	23.3	7.8	7.6
146	85	ABI Kent	130	133	..	5.0	3.8	18.1
275	179	Adwest Comp	220	230	..	3.8	1.7	24.1
150	49	Alba	65	70	..	5.8	8.5	9.2
187	21	Alphameric	22	34	+1	..	..	..
192⅛	36	Amstrad (aa)	50	51	-3⅛	1.9	3.8	5.5
96	57	Apricot Computers	68	72	..	2.7	3.9	13.2
114	55	Ares	65	72	r -3	..	..	7.5
69⅛	45	Astec	45	48	..	4.1	8.7	13.8
313	220	Auto Sec	295	300	-2	4.3	1.4	17.8
127	25	Bennett & Fountain	37	40	..	1.8	4.8	..
561	385	BICC (aa)	445	452	-2	22.7	5.1	12.8
279	104	Blick	210	217	..	8.8	4.1	11.5
843	493	Borland	765	780	-35	..	..	..
237	154	Bowthorpe	192	198	..	5.5b	2.8	12.8
215	99	Britannia Security	138	142	-2	3.6	2.6	14.0
316	243	Br Telecom (aa)	288	290	●-1	14.5	5.0	11.5
36	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13	16	..	0.3e	2.1	7.5
612	365	Cable Wireless (aa)	518	527	●-24	11.0	2.1	21.6
265	134	Cambridge Elec	165	171	-1	12.9	7.7	7.4
60	45	Cambridge Instr	56	59	..	1.2	2.1	10.8
65	35	Chloride	33	35	● ..	1.5	4.4	..
373	188	Computer People	260	265	..	6.9	2.6	14.5
182	45	Cray Elect	58	63	-2	..	..	29.0
103	52	Crystalate	65	70	● ..	8.1	11.9	9.5
146	84	Dale Elec	86	90	-2	6.8	7.7	7.8
387⅛	264	Delta	312	317	-2	15.6	5.0	9.8
270	150	Domino	145	155	..	4.8	3.2	8.3
62	55	Dowding & Mills	67	70	..	3.1	4.5	10.7
225	160	Electrocomponents	197	201	-5	7.1	3.6	11.8
125	50	Elec Data Process	60	70	..	3.5	5.4	7.7
163	91	Electron House	93	98	..	7.8	8.1	5.7
169	84	Electronic Mach	105	110	..	1.3	1.2	70.6
459	87	Emess	91	95	..	4.1	4.4	9.8
388	238	Eurotherm	312	320	+2	8.4	2.7	12.0
186	75	Ftl (aa)	77	80	●-2	7.3	9.2	4.2
187	118	Farnell Elect	152	155	-3	6.0	3.8	11.5
119⅛	26	Ferranti (aa)	28	30	+1⅛	..	..	76.3
13⅛	7⅛	Ferranti Hldgs	9⅛	10				
520	370	First Tech	475	495	●	10.7	2.2	16.7
62	38	Forward Tech	48	51		2.4	4.8	9.1
281	187	GEC (aa)	230	232	-2⅛	10.9	4.7	12.0
810	354	Harland Simon	700	730	●+20	6.0	0.8	30.7
91	70	Highland Elect	69	74		4.4	6.1	8.1
572	243	Hewyos Gp	347	360	s +26	2.8	0.8	28.6
47	22	ITL Gp	42	52	+3	0.7	1.5	
275	210	Jones Stroud	225	245	..	10.7b	4.6	9.8
220	125	Kode	135	135	..	6.2	5.2	43.0
380	240	Lec Refrigeration	205	325	..	19.3	6.1	6.7
97	57	Life Sciences	88	93	..	2.5	2.7	20.2
411	301	Logica	340	347	+1	4.1	1.2	16.6
288	218	Macro 4	270	285	..	10.4	3.7	15.2
262	143	Memec	148	155	..	7.1	4.7	7.6
53	18	MBS	20	25	+2			
398	245	Microfilm Repro	268	278	s -2	4.5	1.6	24.6
540	143	Micro Focus	530	545	+25			27.7
259	111	Microgen	123	130	-2	8.9	7.0	7.7
15⅛	10⅛	Millicom	10⅛	-	+⅛	..	..	..
229	133	Mitel	145	-	..	..	..	..
24⅛	19	Molex	22⅛	-	..	..	..	..
78	38	Multitone Elect	63	69	-1	..	e ..	..
78	34	Murray Enter	60	65	..	..	..	66.3
80	26	NMW Compo	29	32	..	0.3e	1.0	..
59⅛	45⅛	Nynex	51⅛	-	+⅛	..	..	..
143	38	National Telecom	57	60	..	..	..	7.0
363	175	Newmark (Louis)	170	190	..	19.8	10.9	9.1
321	134	Northamber	147	155	..	2.7	1.8	6.7
30	15	Oceonics	20	23	..	..	..	..
292	201	Oxford Instruments	247	255	..	4.5	1.8	15.4
265	183	P-E International	220	227	..	6.4	2.9	12.8
236	185	P & P	215	220	..	4.1	1.9	11.4
136	64	Peek	68	71	+1	4.1	5.9	9.1
105⅛	75	Philips Fin 5⅝%	100	110	..	575b	5.5	
15⅛	9⅛	Philips Lamps N/V	13⅛	-	..			
425	188	Pifco	225	235	-2	8.0	3.5	8.7
369	165	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	188	198	..	8.0	4.1	7.3
141	65	Pressac	67	72	+2	2.7	3.9	8.6
120	35	Quntest	70	80	+2	..	e ..	7.1
289⅛	138	Racal Elect (aa)	224	228	●-5	4.3	1.9	27.2
556	181⅛	Racal Telecom (aa)	365	372	●+7	2.0	0.5	63.6
180	46	Ross	146	154				
88	53	SD-Scicon	73	78	+1	1.0	1.3	18.3
170	112	Scantronic	140	145	..	3.1	2.2	16.4
265	110	Scholes Grp	150	160	..	10.4	6.7	9.1
402	256	Sema Gp	360	367	..	2.8	0.8	
150	55	Smtron	70	80	..	3.7	4.9	6.8
394	235	STC (aa)	248	252	-11	13.0	5.2	9.5
29⅛	17⅛	TDK	26		-⅛			
57	22	Telemetrix	24	27				
895	625	THORN EMI (aa)	758	768	●-6	37.3	4.9	11.9
305	170	Tunstall	180	200	● ..	8.0	3.2	15.1
399	191	Unitech	385	330	..	14.0	3.6	19.7
214	71	Utd Scientific	78	84	●-2	2.7	3.3	
556	238	VG Instruments	535	540	-1	7.8	1.4	24.3
455	253	Volex	292	302	●	22.0	7.4	7.7
111	65	Western Selection	53	57	●-1	2.7	4.9	17.4
480	355	Wholesale Fittings	373	383		21.3	5.6	9.9

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
81	55	AC Hldgs	52	57	r -1	2.7	4.9	29.1
339	248	Abergworth	302	312	+1	2.0	0.7	..
70	44	Albion Hume	52	57	-1			
136	72	Asc Heritages	132	127	..	3.7	3.0	29.8
255	68	Authority Inv	70	85	..	..	..	3.3
188	119	Baltic	135	140	..	4.8	3.5	6.9
205	130	Berkeley Govett	195	200	..	..	..	..
271	79	Br Commonwlth (aa)	87	90	-2	12.3	13.8	3.5
108	65	Burns-Anderson	63	66	● ..	5.3	8.1	7.1
31	18⅛	Camellia	30	32	..	28.0	0.8	66.4
673	154	Candover	250	265	-5	7.3	2.8	39.1
83	39	Centreway	58	63	..	2.0	3.3	9.0
53	52	Dommerni Ind	50	53				9.3
515	402	Harvey&Thompson	505	525	..	20.0	3.9	13.9
78	25	FICO	20	30	..	0.7e	2.8	5.3
180	103	Ivory & Sime	102	107	●-1	7.7	7.3	18.4
148	41	LIT	43	48	..	5.0	10.8	6.3
288	205	Majedie	267	272	..	10.0	3.7	33.5
132	90	Nat Home Loans	120	127	..	10.7	8.6	8.2
64	40	Newmarket	51	54	..	..	..	..
60	40	Parrish Plc	40	50	+5	..	..	..
135	80⅛	Rit Cap Prom	110	112	-1	2.2	2.0	33.3
160	95	Sevenoaks Plc	97	102	-1			
80	62	Singer & Fried	86	88	..	3.3b	4.8	12.1
25⅛	10⅛	Sothebys	13	14	..	..	..	..
249	118	Templeton Gbrb	230	235	-3	4.3	1.8	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
25⅛	14⅛	American Express	19⅛	-	●-⅛	..	..	..
131	95	Britannia Arrow	122	125	..	7.3	5.9	15.0
343	218	Electra	294	296	●-1	7.3	2.5	35.5
328	223	Frost Gp	315	320	+3	14.0	4.4	17.6
850	625	Henderson Admin	795	825	-5	44.8	5.4	21.7
93	32	ICH	30	35	-1	..	..	..
120	81	MAI	116	118	..	8.0	5.1	11.8
700	325	MAM	670	690	..	22.0	3.2	18.4
440	262	M & G	420	425	..	16.7	3.9	15.6
46	30	Rutland	37	39	..	0.9	2.4	13.4
159	79	South Nine Coast	80	97	..	..	..	..
146	86	Tyndall Hldgs	85	90	..	7.3	8.3	21.0

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
430	303	AB Food (aa)	398	403	●-8	13.1	3.3	11.9
212	104	ASDA Group (aa)	112	114	..	6.4	5.7	7.8
48	26	Alpine Group	24	27	-1	..	..	..
175	95	Appletree Hldgs	102	112	●+2	5.5	5.1	12.3
257	164	Argyll (aa)	212	215	● ..	8.7	4.1	13.6
113	68	Ashley Group	95	99	●-2	1.7	1.7	14.9
211	153	Assoc Fisheries	150	160	+2	8.0	5.2	11.0
169	119	Baltic Plc	135	140	..	4.8	3.5	6.9
198	153	Banks (Sidney C)	155	165	..	9.8	6.1	9.5
743	520⅛	Barr (AG)	520	540	● ..	17.3	3.3	16.5
156	98	Batleys	145	153	● ..	3.2	2.1	67.7
171	128	Barsford Intl (aa)	138	143	● ..	8.3	5.9	9.0
486	374	Booker	443	450	+3	24.7	5.5	15.3
54	37	Borthwick	49	51	● ..	1.3	2.6	..
260	210	Brake Bros	242	252	+2	4.8	1.9	17.4
152	85	Budgen	99	103	-1	6.7	6.6	19.0
472	319	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	335	338	-8	12.8	3.8	16.9
217	170	Carrs Milling	180	190	● ..	10.0	5.4	16.7
260	180	Clifford Foods 'A'	182	192	..	13.3	7.1	7.7
60	35	Cullens	32	37	..	..	..	..
439	302	Dalgety (aa)	395	400	-1	22.0	5.5	12.0
100	65	Daniels S	75	80	..	3.3	4.2	..
151	91	Fil Fyffes	107	112	s ..	..	..	..
126	83	Fisher (A)	120	124	+1	3.7	3.0	14.7
396	210	Fitch Lovell	237	242	..	16.3	6.8	10.3
319	225	Geest	258	263	..	7.3	2.8	15.1
275⅛	205	Hazlewood Foods	230	235	●+3	5.7	2.4	16.1
321	234	Hillsdown (aa)	270	273	-4	8.4	3.1	12.0
178	125	Hunter Saphir	137	137	..	8.7	5.1	9.5
402	262	Iceland Frozen	265	270	..	7.4	2.8	12.6
594	373	Kwik Save	565	575	●-1	14.0	2.5	18.0
140	80	Lees (John J)	77	87	●-3	2.7	3.3	14.9
333	238	Low (Wm)	303	312	..	8.7	2.8	12.0
87	57	Matthews (Bernard)	65	68	+1	3.3	4.9	12.7
304	112	Morrison (W)	163	170	..	1.6	1.0	18.8
283	202	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	225	235	..	12.1	5.3	12.0
70	46	Normans	45	47	● ..	3.0	6.5	11.4
362	277	Nthn Foods (aa)	300	305	●-6	15.7	5.2	11.1
203	141	Nurdin & Peacock	175	180	..	5.6	3.1	15.5
310	169	Park Foods	220	240	..	8.4	3.7	10.5
431	237	Polly Peck (aa)	403	408	+3	15.9	3.9	10.2
68	40	Plantagan	38	43	● ..	0.7	1.7	15.1
498	341	RHM (aa)	438	443	●-11	17.0	3.9	12.8
295	188	Sainsbury J (aa)	253	258	-6	7.1	2.8	16.9
178	129	Salvesen (Chris)	167	170	● ..	7.5	4.4	13.6
304	303⅛	Tate & Lyle	302	305	●+1	12.0	3.9	9.6
220	81	Tavener	110	130	..	1.7	1.4	18.4
219	131⅛	Tesco (aa)	182	185	..	5.0	2.8	16.7
159	122	Thorntons	122	125	..	3.1	2.5	15.3
436	304	Unigate (aa)	325	330	-6	19.1	5.8	11.9
424	265	Utd Biscuits (aa)	333	338	-5	17.2	5.1	12.5
225	173	Watson & Philip	182	180	●-1	13.5	7.3	11.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
57	32	City Centre Rest	32	34	-1	1.5	4.5	11.3
306	223	Friendly Hotels	290	298	..	3.9	1.3	13.0
352	213	Ladbroke (aa)	309	312	-12	11.8	3.8	16.1
39⅛	25⅛	Norfolk Cap Gp	36	36⅛	+⅛	0.8	2.2	33.0
89	68	Mount Charlotte	70	72	-1	2.5	3.5	14.8
120	97	Queens Moat	111	113	-1	3.0e	2.7	17.4
24	16⅛	Resort Hotels	19	20⅛	-⅛	0.7	3.5	12.4
905	745	Savoy Hotels 'A'	890	915	..	7.3	0.8	31.2
121	91	Stakis	93	95	-1	3.1	3.3	10.2
360	242	Trusthse Ft (aa)	261	264	-9	12.2	4.3	16.1

INDUSTRIALS A-D

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
207	157	AAF Inv	158	168	..	10.0	6.1	12.4
426	275	AAH	369	372	+1	16.6	4.5	12.3
212⅛	116	ADT (aa)	203	206	-3			
470	251	AMA	300	310	..	12.0	3.9	12.3
435	242	AMI Health	397	405	..	8.0	2.0	19.6
78	53	APG	56	57⅛	..	2.7	4.7	10.3
159	114	APV	147	149	+1	6.7	4.5	14.3
288	189	ASW	240	243	+1	6.7	2.8	7.0
130	54	Aaronson	71	75	-1	7.7	10.5	5.9
228	146	Adwest	162	166	..	9.3	5.7	9.6
96	58	Aerospace Eng	62	67	+1	3.8	5.8	9.1
239	155	Alexanda W'wear	203	206	-1	5.5	2.7	16.5
275	188	Alumasc	185	195	-5	10.7	5.6	9.2
450	350	Amber Ind	385	405	..	18.9	4.8	11.4
68	37	Armour	44⅛	46	+⅛	1.6	3.5	8.1
186	105	Ash & Lacy	115	125	..	8.9	6.7	9.3
8⅛	3	Ass Br Eng	4	4⅛	..	0.1	2.4	15.7
843	395	Avon Rubber	480	490	● ..	22.0	4.5	11.4
180	57	Ayrshire Metal	98	103	..	8.0	7.9	6.3
397	264	BAA (aa)	374	377	● ..	13.3	3.5	13.4
228	141	BBA	180	183	-4	9.3	5.7	8.7
327	222	BET Ord (aa)	247	252	● ..	16.0	6.4	10.9
473	177	BM Gp	245	250	s ..	2.7	1.1	13.6
577	419	BOC (aa)	515	518	●-14	23.7	4.6	10.9
83⅛	54⅛	BSG	70	72	..	4.1	5.8	9.4
435	375	BSS Group	388	398	● ..	21.0	5.3	9.5
488	294	BTR (aa)	425	430	-14	17.9	4.2	16.2
311	198	BWI	295	298	r ..	7.5	2.5	13.2
68⅛	49	Babcock	48⅛	50	● ..	3.2	6.5	11.3
17	10	Bailey (CH)	9⅛	10⅛	..	..	..	48.8
258	183	Baird (Wm)	199	202	-2	10.6	5.3	7.8
78	46	Bardsey	62	66	● ..	1.0	1.6	17.4
888	333	Barlow Rand	785	800	-35	..	..	..
285	168	Barrett (H)	270	280	●-4	6.8	2.5	12.6
42	24	Baynes (Charles)	32	35	..	0.7	2.1	18.8
15	7	Bear Brand	7	7⅛	s ..	..	..	72.5
245	175	Beauford	175	185	..	7.4b	4.1	12.8
225	121	Beazer PLC (aa)	168	171	..	10.0	5.8	5.8
73⅛	23	Benlox	27	29	-2	0.8	2.9	..
348	285	Bespak	323	333	●-4	8.5	2.6	18.0
83	12	Bestwood	11	14	-1	0.7	5.4	2.4
181	123	Bixby (J)	141	148	-7	11.3	7.8	9.3
160	125	Bittam (J)	140	150	..	5.4	3.7	31.1
193	68	Birmingham Mint	85	90	..	7.3	8.3	7.5
133	70	Black Arrow	78	88	..	5.0	6.0	7.2
185	110	Black (Peter)	117	122	-1	3.2	2.7	10.0
60⅛	33	Blackwood Hodge	40	41⅛	..	2.1	5.1	6.0
118⅛	81	Blue Arrow (aa)	91⅛	94	-⅛	2.4	2.6	15.2
323	201	Bodycote	222	230	..	8.7	4.3	8.5
321	227	Boots (aa)	264	266	●-5	13.8	5.2	12.4
134	79	Booth Inds	83	90	●-2	3.1	3.6	9.1
531	336	Bowater	460	465	-6	22.3	4.8	11.3
21⅛	15	Bowater Inc	18	15⅛	..	..	..	..
350	348	Brammer	258	335	●-2	9.2	3.1	10.7
52	20	Brasway	25	28	●-1	1.0	3.7	8.7
302	184	Bremmer	210	213	..	17.3	8.2	10.6
84	45	Bridgend Gp	54	58	..	1.3	2.3	23.1
224	175⅛	Britton	185	199	..	10.0	5.1	13.8
226	148	Brooport-Gundry	145	150	● ..	9.3	6.3	39.3
90	40	Brierley Inv	70	73	-1	..	..	..
240	151	Br Airways (aa)	203	205	-3⅛	10.7	5.2	9.2
395	325	Br Bldg & Eng App	330	380	● ..	4.0	1.1	13.4
155	118	Br Steel	129⅛	132	-⅛	10.3	7.9	3.9
176	143	Br Syphon	165	170	..	2.7e	1.6	18.1
518	303	Br Vita	378	395	..	10.5	3.7	14.1
518	322	Broken Hill	453	468	-2			
153	105	Bromsgrove Inds	126	130	● ..	4.1	3.0	10.5
38	25⅛	Brooke Tool	23	31	..	2.4	9.2	6.4
225	189	Brown & Tawse	167	172	●-1	12.7	7.5	7.9
208	121	Bullough	138	142	s	7.7	5.5	9.3
157	95	CH Ind	105	110	●-1	8.1	7.7	7.3
58	31	CI Group	33	41	..	2.5	6.3	7.4
20	20⅛	CMB Pack	21	23	-⅛			
75	56	Capra Ent	71	75	..	5.7	7.3	13.2
308	181	Camford Eng	243	247	-3	7.1	2.9	18.0
208	138	Cannon St	162	165	..	11.1	6.8	6.9
74	53	Capco Ind	61	63⅛	..	3.3	5.3	11.8

INDUSTRIALS (continued)

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
213	163	Cape	165	170	-3	10.7e	6.4	9.4
183	113	Caplo	142	149	..	1.1	0.8	..
15	7	Caution	9⅛	10⅛	● ..	0.4	4.0	6.9
185	106	Carclo Eng	126	130	● ..	8.1	6.3	8.9
242	181	Caplugs	217	222	+2	8.7	4.0	8.6
86	43	Celestion	59	64	-1	1.3	2.1	..
8⅛	3⅛	Central & Sheer	4⅛	5⅛	..	..	..	12.8
312	110	Chamberlin & Hill	127	137	..	6.7	5.1	7.7
583	435	Charter Cons	452	480	-1	25.3	5.5	10.7
25	8	Chartersall	9	10	..	2.81	29.5	14.8
738	570	Chemring	550	580	●-10	32.7	5.7	7.4
337	156	Christies Int	283	288	..	7.7	2.7	19.5
210	144	Claybithe	183	190	● ..	8.1	3.3	10.8
275	207	Clayton Son	265	275	..	14.0	5.5	9.5
12⅛	875	Cohen (A)	875	925	● ..	28.8	3.2	6.5
179	25	Colorall Gp	27	30	-3⅛	10.1	34.8	1.4
231	153	Community Hospital	194	198	-2	0.7	0.4	16.8
319	223	Concentric	296	302	+3	12.5	4.2	11.0
108	60	Cont Stationery	62	67	● ..	5.1	7.6	10.0
374	207	Cook (Wm)	295	302	r -3	16.0b	5.4	8.5
384	248	Cookson (aa)	258	263	-13	11.0	4.2	9.0
186	95	Cornwell Parker 'A'	110	115	..	6.9	6.1	7.0
277	173	Cosalt	226	230	● ..	13.3	5.8	7.6
245	188	Courtney Pope	165	175	..	11.3	6.8	8.0
87	39	Cowan De Groot	38	40	●-⅛	3.3	8.5	17.0
111	58	Cresta	54	57	-1	2.1	3.8	4.7
27⅛	19⅛	Dana	19⅛	..	-⅛			
250	95	Davies & Met 'A'	245	255	+1	4.6	1.8	12.8
935	555	Davies & Newman	670	770	● ..	22.7	3.2	10.0
191	139	Davis (Godfrey)	162	167	..	9.7	5.9	11.0
286	171	Davy	230	235	●-2	11.7	5.0	11.9
480	289	De La Rue	285	280	-2	17.7	6.1	45.9
689	279	Desoutter	620	650	..	11.6	1.8	17.2
34	20	Dinkie Heel	23	25	..	0.9	3.6	13.3
259	149	Diploma	161	168	-3	11.3	6.8	7.4
103⅛	88	Dobson Park	87	89	●-1	7.7	8.8	7.3
151	90	Docus	108	113	●+1	4.11	3.7	6.9
165	141	Dyson (J&J)	163	168	..	6.7	4.0	12.6
102	78	Do 'A'	86	89	..	6.7	7.6	6.7

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
367	276	EIS	315	325	..	12.9	4.0	13.3
428	273	Eastern Prod	385	400	..	14.7	3.7	15.6
19⅛	6	Eagle Trust	17	18	..	0.61	3.4	18.8
405	225	Edbro	225	255	●-5	14.7	6.1	7.3
58	35	Elbeil	43	48	..	2.6	5.7	18.3
219	113	Eleco	118	123	-2	8.3	6.9	8.0
38⅛	23⅛	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	28⅛	..				
121	86	Elson (B)	91	94	..	5.0	5.4	9.8
20	11⅛	Elswick	13⅛	14⅛	r	0.7	5.0	12.4
541	369	Eng China Clay (aa)	436	443	●-3	26.1	5.9	9.8
36	23⅛	Epicure Hldgs	29⅛	31	+⅛	1.3	4.3	8.8
92⅛	32⅛	Ericsson (LM) B	89⅛	..				
243	167	Erskine Hse	183	190	●-1	8.9	4.8	8.3
213	94	Eurocopy	197	202	+2	4.0	2.0	19.1
11⅛	475	Eurotunnel Units	625	645	-5			
80	31	Eurotunnel Warrants	50	53				
253	175	Expamet	233	239	..	12.2	5.2	13.9
256	149	Fairey Group	205	212	..	6.4	3.1	12.1
187	141	Fenner (JH)	158	163	●	10.8	6.7	8.2
93	65	Fife Indmar	80	85	..	5.0	6.0	29.0
371	229	Fisons (aa)	334	337	r -6	8.3	2.5	17.4
145	108	Fitzwilton	115	120				
176	108	Flexello C&W	168	173	● ..	7.2	4.2	8.4
76	23	Fobel	28	32	-1			
70	40	Folkes Group N/V	49	52	..	2.5	4.9	9.6
111	73	French (Thomas)	70	75	..	4.4	6.0	16.8
157	111	GEI Int	135	138	-1	9.0	6.6	12.0
478	292⅛	GKN (aa)	415	420	-8	24.3	5.8	9.8
180	135	GR	145	155	..	7.7	5.1	4.3
227	171	Garton Eng	172	177	+2	8.7	5.0	8.2
301	197	Gestetner	240	245	-7	7.3	3.0	7.0
187	136	Gieves	180	185	+2	5.4	3.0	18.3
852	369	Glaxo (aa)	716	720	s -23	23.3	3.2	16.2
339	220	Glynwed (aa)	246	248	-1	13.9	5.6	8.5
144	95	Gonds Gerrard	115	120	● ..	6.5	5.5	8.9
356	255	Goring Kerr	295	310	+5	20.7	6.8	11.7
233	149	Grampian Hdg	167	170	-1	5.1	3.0	15.4
396	270	Granada (aa)	335	340	+2	16.4	4.9	10.6
223	110	Greenwood Sec	182	192	..	4.5	2.4	14.0
259	170	Haden MacLellan	167	172	..	8.0	4.7	11.3
275	183	Hall Eng	185	195	..	10.3	5.4	8.5
289	119⅛	Halma	159	162	●+2	3.5	2.1	13.2
74	48	Hampson Ind	62	67	+2	2.8	4.3	8.9
192	90	Hanimex	92	102	..			
242	154	Hanson (aa)	224	225⅛	●-4⅛	11.3	5.0	10.7
146	91	Harris (Philip)	128	130	●+1	7.3	5.9	17.8
192	141	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	149	153	-3	11.3	7.5	11.1
202	110	Havelock Europa	123	130	..	4.8	3.8	81.9
783	537	Hawker Siddly (aa)	690	695	-2	32.1	4.6	13.2
182	100	Hay (Norman)	125	135	r ..	3.0	2.3	16.0
121	103	Hays	111	115	..	4.0	3.5	12.4
313	218	Hepworth	268	270	-3	17.4	6.5	10.2
335	213⅛	Hestair	320	324	..	10.1	3.1	12.5
172	105	Hewitt (J)	140	150	-5	2.7	1.9	36.8
383	268	High-Point	300	315	..	9.0	2.9	9.9
119	32	Holmes Protection	30	34	●-5	..	..	..
110	60	Hopkinsons	78	83	..	4.4	5.4	..
175	128	Howden	157	162	..	6.4	4.0	13.4
306	164	Hunting	204	207	..	12.0	5.8	8.2
98	54	Hutchsn Whampoa	63	66	..	..	..	..
254	181	IMI (aa)	223	228	-2	11.7	5.2	10.2
144	94	ISA Intl	132	137	..	1.3	1.0	25.6
278	171	Ibstrox	197	207	+2	3.5	1.7	15.9
358	188	JS Pathology	200	215	..	7.3	3.5	11.8
206	102	Jardine Matls	180	183	..	..	..	..
739	482	Johnson Cleaners	613	628	+3	33.2	5.3	11.5
438	327	Johnson Matthey	325	330	● ..	10.7	3.3	11.0
66	40	Johnson & FB	55	57	●+1⅛	2.1	3.8	10.8
500	315	Johnston	325	355	..	16.7	4.9	8.2
177	101	Jones & Shipman	137	142	..	6.5	4.6	22.4
129	50	Jourdan (Thomas)	69	74	..	7.5	10.4	6.2
48	24⅛	Kalamazoo	26	28				
45	26⅛	Kason	28⅛	30⅛	..	1.5	5.1	15.1
468	355	Kelsey Ind	450	465	● ..	30.0	6.6	7.8
730	470	Kershaw (A)	540	580	+10	32.3	5.8	33.4
345	113	Kleen-EZe	125	140	..	11.3	8.5	7.4

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
184	119	Lep	143	147	-2	6.7	4.6	18.4
278	180	Laird	250	254	+4	12.9b	5.1	26.4
84	56	Lawtex	81	84	..	2.7	3.3	8.1
173	125	Lee (Arthur)	163	168	●-2	7.7	4.6	10.2
148	93	Lilleshall	120	125	..	4.7	3.8	14.0
185	125	Linread	173	178	-2	6.7	3.8	11.8
31	24	Locker (T)	24	27	..	2.1	8.1	8.6
273	201	Lon Ind	219	223	●-3	10.1	4.6	12.6
284	154	Low & Bonar	178	183	-2	9.6	5.3	10.6
277	157	MB Group (aa)	213	217	-4	5.3	2.5	..
110	92	MB Gp 7 1-4 Pf	102	104	-2	9.7	9.4	..
151	184	ML Hldgs	122	125	●-2	4.0b	3.2	11.0
156	84	MS Intl	90	95	..	5.4	5.8	9.0
102	52	MY Holdings	54	58	-1	1.1	2.0	..
355	215	Macarthy	223	230	..	16.7	7.4	14.1
323	196	Macfarlane	253	270	..	6.5	2.4	21.4
348	249	McKechnie	260	265	-1	19.7	7.5	7.8
148	114	McLeod Russel	135	140	..	7.0	5.1	10.1
161	135	Magnolia	138	142	-2	6.9	4.8	12.2
37	18⅛	Manchester Ship	25	27	..	..	..	24.7
290	226	Mang Bronze	225	230	+1	10.0	4.4	8.8
248	164	Marling	187	192	-1	5.5	2.9	10.6
90	45	Mayborn	45	50	..	5.1	10.6	5.9
251	86	Medrace	96	101	r -3	..	..	..
135	83⅛	Meggitt	84	86	-1	3.9	4.6	9.3
211	126	Metal Closures	180	185	-1	10.9	6.0	17.8
98	71	Metalrax	83	87	..	4.8	5.6	11.1
61	34	Michael Page	58	58	+⅛	2.1	3.7	11.8
89	50	Midstates	66	71	+1	..	..	..
32	17⅛	Mining & Ald	24	28	r ..	..	e ..	17.1
213	138	Mise Gp	160	175	..	..	..	23.0
367	190	Molins	245	255	..	12.8	5.1	36.2
191	95	Monotype	159	164	..	1.8e	1.1	..
328	235	Morgan Cble	287	292	-3	15.1	5.2	13.0
283	228	NFC	244	247	-1	10.0	4.1	13.4
185	86	NMC Group	100	105	● ..	4.7	4.6	6.7
69	39	Neepsend	57	60	+5	1.7	2.9	15.6
280	178	Neill (J)	273	283	-2	11.3	4.1	17.2
152	88	Nexior-BNA	123	128	+1	3.6	2.9	16.9
108	68	Noble & Lund	94	97	..	1.3e	..	..
265	147⅛	Nobo Gp	143	153	● ..	9.1	6.1	8.5
353	213	Norcros	218	223	●-2	21.3b	9.8	6.6
615	385	Nu-Swift	460	485	..	21.3	4.5	12.5
137	56	Office Elect Mach	56	66	-1	0.1	0.2	..
148	109	Optical & Med	108	115	..	6.8	6.1	10.6
168	128	PFG Hodgson	153	158	..	..	..	..
524	262	Parkfield	465	472	●-3	18.7	4.0	14.4
97	60	Pentland	77	79	-1	2.9	3.7	31.3
80	39	PergamonAGB	65	68	..	6.0b	9.0	3.0
580	295	Photo-Me	346	355	+3	4.0	1.1	25.1
273	198	Pilkington (aa)	221	225	●-5	13.0	5.8	8.0
161	95	Polyvlios	105	110	-1	4.0	3.7	9.1
334	232	Portals	267	274	-2	13.7	5.1	12.2
114	85	Porter Chadburn	91	94	..	2.6	2.8	12.5
412	339	Powell Duffryn	380	382	-3	28.1	7.4	11.4
154	82	Powerscreen	148	152	..	5.9	3.9	11.7
12	10	Prospect Inds	10⅛	12				
315	227	Prostlock Alexander	310	315	-1	9.3	3.0	11.8
273	183	Radiant Metal	170	200	+2	2.7e	1.5	24.7
10⅛	721	Rank Org (aa)	843	852	+5	36.3	4.3	12.0
233	132	Ransomes	150	153	+2	7.6	5.0	12.6
795	314	Restem	520	530	+17	12.7	2.4	24.0
12⅛	909	Reckitt Colman (aa)	12⅛	12⅛	-⅛	36.0	3.0	15.3
141	80	Reed Executive	85	95	● ..	2.7	3.0	8.8
231	132	Relyon	130	140	..	8.3	6.1	8.7
305	188	Renshaw	291	295	-2	5.6	1.9	15.9
116	76	Renold	92	94	●-1	4.3	4.6	10.8
10⅛	506	Reuters (aa)	10⅛	10⅛	-⅛	13.1	1.3	30.7
74	41	Rexmore	39	43	●-2	3.0	7.3	4.7
180	113	Ricardo Eng	142	147	..	6.7	4.6	13.0
158	88	Richard (Lecs)	100	105	● ..	5.7	5.5	39.6
75	47	Richardson West	49	52	..	2.9	5.7	11.1
129	84	Robertson	122	126	..	5.3	4.3	13.7
365	84	Robinson (Thomas)	99	103	-4	4.7b	4.7	8.6
75	49	Rockware	48	50	-2	3.3	6.7	12.6
171	108	Ropner	111	115	..	9.7	8.6	11.5
170	105	Do 'A'	105	109	..	9.7	9.1	10.9
195	138	Rotork	165	170	..	10.0	6.0	15.2
100	69	Russell (A)	87	92	● ..	2.0	2.2	15.0

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
33	8	SI	21	22⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
17⅛	334	SKF 'B'	15⅛	..				
238	153	Sale Tilney	153	157	..	14.7	9.5	10.4
73	42	Savilla Gordon (J)	57	60	..	2.7	4.6	11.1
175	123⅛	Scapa	154	157	●-1	6.1	3.9	10.7
191	104	Scot Heritable	112	115	-1	8.7b	7.6	5.8
323	218	Scott & Robertson	250	265	+3	9.1	3.5	13.9
10⅛	398	Securicor	900	930	-10	1.8	0.2	97.7
985	345	Do 'A'	850	845	-15	1.8	0.2	89.4
399	199	Securiguard	292	297	-1	9.5	3.2	15.6
831	83	Security Serv	730	745	-15	3.4	0.5	62.0
72⅛	54⅛	Senior Eng	60	62	-1⅛	3.6	5.9	10.9
112	76	Sheldon	100	105	-2	3.2	3.1	7.2
186	131	Sidlaw	138	143	● ..	10.3	7.3	8.1
582	380	Siebe (aa)	473	483	-1	17.3	3.6	9.7
190	73	Silentnight	82	87	-1	9.3	10.9	5.7
426	284	Simon Eng	378	383	-1	19.3	5.1	11.6
313	225	Sinclair (Wm)	248	258	..	7.0	2.8	18.3
142	101	Six Hundred	103	108	-2	8.3	7.8	6.4
472	352	Sketchley	360	367	..	27.9	7.7	11.4
148⅛	114⅛	Smith & Neph (aa)	126	127	-1⅛	5.3	4.2	14.2
631	495	Smiths Ind (aa)	571	573	-7	5.3	0.9	..
29⅛	22⅛	Smiths Beech Uts	25⅛	25⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
334	238	Smith Ind (aa)	258	262	-5	11.9	4.6	10.9
257	233	Spear (JW)	243	253	..	3.3	1.3	61.7
253	186	Spirax-Sarco	238	243	-2	10.7	4.4	13.1
55	10	Sporg Hldgs	39	42	-2	..	..	..
252	81	Spring Ram	116	120	-1	0.5	0.4	17.0
150	100	Stag Furniture	103	110	-2	9.3	8.7	7.5
138	38	Star Comp	60	68	+2			
208	172	Staveley	213	217	..	9.3	4.3	10.6
167	100	Sterling Ind	145	155	● ..	5.7	3.8	23.3
106	61	Stonehill	66	69	..			
24	12	Stornoward	12⅛	13⅛	● ..	0.1	0.8	32.5
132	32	Summer Int	49	52	..	1.3b	2.5	..
218	148	Sutex	153	158	-2	10.4	6.7	12.6
188	105	Swire Pacific 'A'	120	123	-1	..	..	..
46	20	Sycamore	28	33				
198	155	Syltone	193	203	● ..	9.0	4.5	12.1
263	180	T & N (aa)	205	207	-1	13.3	6.5	7.8
487	363	TI (aa)	417	421	-2	19.3	4.6	11.9
205	143	TIP Europe	182	185	-1	6.7	3.6	13.0
169	130	TNT	136	142	+5			
273	98	TT Group	112	117	-3	4.7	4.1	23.0
308	148	Tace	160	175	..	15.0	8.9	9.9
126⅛	96⅛	Takeda Chem	97⅛	-	+1⅛			
298	165	Tallos	208	213	-2	13.3b	6.3	14.9
220	159	Tex Hldgs	190	200	● ..	14.0	7.2	9.8
270	155	Thorp Mile	150	160	..	4.5	2.9	14.8
55	42	TGH	50	56				
298	196	Tomkins	294	297	..	9.9	3.5	9.6
422	288	Trafalgar H (aa)	347	353	●-12	23.5	6.7	8.4
294	199	Transcan Dev	221	222	-⅛	12.7	5.7	11.1
136	82	Tretus	123	128	..	4.0	3.2	14.8
200	131	Triplex Lloyd	143	149	●	8.7	6.0	8.0
520	345	Unitary	340	380				
54	42	Ungroup	41	44				23.5
73⅛	460	Unilever (aa)	663	670	-11	18.7	2.8	..
53⅛	32⅛	Unilever (NV)	48⅛					
25⅛	8⅛	Utd Guarantee	6⅛	8	..			
36⅛	26	Usborne	29	32	..	2.0	6.5	27.4
525	356	VSEL	370	385	-4	16.7	4.4	8.7
42	25⅛	Verson	37	40	● ..	0.8	2.1	25.7
257⅛	157	Vickers	213	218	-8	10.5	4.9	13.1
205	140	Vinten	162	170	-2	6.5	3.9	11.6
205⅛	94⅛	Volkswagen	189⅛	.	+1⅛			
274	198	Vosper Thorny	248	255	●+1	11.8	4.7	11.7
391	291⅛	Wagon Ind	307	317	r +3	19.3	6.2	9.2
95	37	Walker Greenbank	60	64		3.0	4.8	
222	155	Warner Howard	172	182		5.4	3.1	14.7
291	155	Wassall	207	212	+2	1.3	0.6	37.4
90	38	Waterford Wedge	42	45	-1			
331	225	Weir	255	260	+3	9.7	3.8	13.9
790	399	Wellcome (aa)	697	702	●-6	6.7	1.0	35.8
54	35⅛	Wellman	35	37⅛	●+⅛	1.3	3.5	7.1
54	37	Westerly	43	48		3.3	7.3	7.7
12	8	Westmer	6	9				
535	347	Whatman Reeve	415	435		7.3	1.7	16.0
162	102	Whessoe	133	140	●-11	6.7	4.9	10.3
149	83	Whewey	133	137	●+1	4.0	3.0	12.6
327	285	Whitecroft	285	288	●-1	19.1	6.4	9.6
236	197	Wilkes (James)	193	200	-2	12.0b	6.1	11.9
25	11⅛	Williams Gp	11⅛	13	-⅛	1.0	8.0	6.6
289	213	Williams Hldgs (aa)	237	240		14.0	5.9	8.7
113	26	Wills Gp	32	37				5.0
323	232	Wolseley	280	284	●-1	14.7	5.2	7.9
168	130	Wood (Arthur)	150	160	+2	5.1	3.3	13.2
239	48	Wood (SW)	57	62				3.1
237	145	Woodcock	153	163		4.3	2.7	11.2
355	203	Wyndham Eng	282	292		6.7	2.3	5.8
385	249	Yale & Valor	303	310	●-2	12.3	4.0	10.9
168	77	Young (H)	75	78	-2	9.3	12.1	8.4

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
21⅛	12⅛	Alex & Alex	17⅛	.				
998	527⅛	Allianz Vers	945⅛	.	-6⅛	..	..	
24⅛	16⅛	Am Gen	18⅛	.	-⅛			
155⅛	119	Archer (AJ)	137	140	●+1	10.7	7.7	8.1
250	175	Bradstock	225	230	-2	10.0	4.4	16.1
644	318	Britannic	618	625	-2	23.3	3.7	
535	333	Com Union (aa)	491	484	-5	26.5	5.5	
160	105	FAI	126	134	+6			
12⅛	858	Gen Accident (aa)	11	11		63.3	5.5	
267	182	GRE (aa)	228	232	-8	14.0	6.1	
539	417	Heath C E	530	535	-1	34.5	6.5	17.1
182	129	Hogg Rob & GM	172	177	-1	9.0	5.1	15.5
439	288	Legal & Gen (aa)	378	382	-9	19.1	5.0	
338⅛	236	Lloyds Abbey	312	314	-4	21.2	6.8	
279	188	Lloyd Thompson	275	292		8.0	2.9	18.9
365	240	London & Man	327	332	-2	14.5	4.4	25.5
137	23	Lon Utd Inv	35	39	-3			6.9
55⅛	30⅛	Marsh McLen	46⅛		●-⅛			
139	36	PWS	67	72	-2	3.3	4.7	10.9
694	384	Pearl (aa)	685	690		20.0	2.9	
241	152	Prudential (aa)	210	213	-4	11.2	5.3	
722	427	Refuge	670	675	-1	29.0	4.3	
588	379	Royal (aa)	506	512	-12	31.7	6.2	15.8
318	227	Sedgwick (aa)	285	288	-1	16.0	5.6	26.0
290	208	Steel Burrill	282	290		13.7	4.8	25.5
294	224	Sturge Hldgs	288	292	-2	20.0b	6.9	8.0
350	247⅛	Sun Alliance (aa)	312	316	-7	14.7	4.7	
13	848	Sun Life	12⅛	13		53.3	4.1	
167	146	Trade Indemnity	147	152	-1	1.8	1.2	
295	212	Willis Faber (aa)	273	277	-1	15.3	5.6	20.4
49	31	Windsor	29	32	●	0.7	2.3	18.7

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LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
315	195	Anglia TV 'A'	258	263	-2	12.0	4.6	9.3
385	215	Barr & WA 'A'	280	310		22.0	7.5	11.9
540	225	Boosey & Hawkes	430	480		13.7	3.0	17.3
420	317	Brent Walker	352	355	-8	16.0	4.5	7.1
103	84	Buckingham Intl	90	93				27.2
344	146	Campari	195	200		11.3	5.7	5.1
283	127	Capital Radio	252	253	●-1⅛	6.0	2.4	17.8
854	680	Carlton Comm	756	768	+1	12.5	1.6	14.3
465	267	Castle Comm	415	430		11.3	2.7	14.4
823	578	Central TV	750	780		36.0	4.8	11.3
243	123	Chrysalis	142	147		5.3	3.7	
150	50⅛	Cityvision	141	144	-1	0.7	0.5	35.5
382	280	Compass Gp	377	380	-1	12.0	3.2	15.3
10⅛	740	Euro Disney	960	970	-5			
99	65	Euro Leisure	78	92				
247	149	First Leisure	228	232	-3	4.9	2.1	16.8
74	45	Grampian	68	72		4.1	5.8	8.1
138	84	HTV Group	132	135		6.7	5.0	8.5
375	185	Hemberger Brooks	220	270				
85	78	LWT CP	81	86	+7	5.3	6.3	
111	20⅛	Leisure Inv	20	22	●-1	1.5	7.1	19.1
200	147	Mecca	158	161	-3	6.1	3.8	16.6
233	143	Midsummer	155	157	-5	5.6	3.6	9.9
87	45	Owners Abroad	54	56	-2	3.3	6.0	7.1
230	84	Pavilion Leisure	83	90		6.0	6.9	
319	153	Quadrant Group	148	163	-1	5.1	3.3	10.3
680	174	Reilly Useful	215	225		22.7	10.3	25.5
306	180	Saga Gp	280	290		7.7	2.6	32.7
518	368	Scot TV	490	500	+6	27.0	5.5	8.7
282	197	Stanley Leisure	242	247		6.3	2.6	15.0
347	158	TVS	157	162	+1	19.0	11.9	4.3
69	85	TSW	90	93	-1	5.5	6.0	7.4
579	380	Thames TV	525	537	-3	20.5	3.8	11.6
147	95	Tottenham Hotspur	115	130		6.7	5.7	21.0
220	137	TV-AM	192	195		9.3	4.8	9.8
478	348	Tyne Tees TV	375	383	-2	24.3	6.4	7.1
152	80	Ulster TV	145	150		8.0	5.4	9.0
129	85	Wembley	103	105		2.4	2.3	15.9
39	32	Woodington	37	39				
327	222	Yorkshire TV	297	302	+2	15.1	5.0	9.1
165	138	Zetters Gp	148	155	●+1	8.3	5.5	21.5

MINING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
67⅛	36⅛	Am Gold	64⅛	65⅛	-1⅛			
13⅛	6⅛	Ang Amer Coal	12⅛	13⅛	-⅛	b		
24⅛	871	Ang Am	22⅛	23⅛	-⅛			
249	134	Blyvoors	192	222	+1			
70	31	Bracken	52	72				
13⅛	578	Buffels	10⅛	11⅛	-⅛			
63	25	Buss	29	32	-1			
610	369	CRA	574	580	-7			
11⅛	594	De Beers	10⅛	11				
339	128	Deelkraal	299	319	-3			
161	54	Doornfontein	117	147	-6			
10	457	Driefontein	934	964	-27			
78	4	DRX	30	-	-5			
590	119	Durban	554	574	+1			
484	198	E Daggafontein	424	444	-14			
630	240	Elandsrand	561	611	+1			
134	39	Elsburg	99	129				
330	145	E Rand Gold	263	293	-8			
401	104	E Rand Prop	302	322				
10	404	FS Cons	897	927	-28			
223	107	FS Dev	195	210	-5	e		
19⅛	789	GFSA	17⅛	18	-⅛			
98	65	Geevor Tin	83	87	+1			66.9
164⅛	145	Gencor	204	234				
57	31	GM Kalgoorli	55	56⅛				
84	38	Greenwich Res	37	42				
194	47	Grootvlei	151	171	-4			
657	270	Harmony	623	643	-1			
663	321	Hartbes	602	622	-3			
13⅛	471	Kinross	12⅛	12⅛	-⅛			
829	438	Kloof	750	770	s -18			
142	33	Leslie	129	149	-2			
174	83	Libanon	133	153	s			
263	71	Loraine	211	231	-24			
134	77	MIM	106	109	-2			
10⅛	626	Minorco	9⅛	10⅛				
164	105	Nth Broken Hill	127	131	-4			
23⅛	6⅛	Orange Free	21⅛	22⅛	-⅛			
605	405	RTZ (aa)	519	525	-22	21.0	4.0	11.0
21⅛	6⅛	Rand Mines Ltd	19⅛	20⅛	-⅛			
501	255	Rand Mines Prop	475	500				
37⅛	376	Randfontein	588	638				
453	298	Renison	440	455	-5			
15⅛	8⅛	Rustenburg	14⅛	14⅛	-⅛	26.0	1.8	
883	354	St Helena	738	768	-32			
32⅛	15⅛	Southvaal	30⅛	30⅛	-⅛			
332	167	Stilfontein	310	330	-8			
556	175	Unisel	518	548	-23			
80⅛	36⅛	Vaal Reefs	72⅛	73⅛	-1⅛			
200	51	Venterspost	133	153	-9			
629	257	Welkom	568	598	-12			
191	56	Western Areas	156	186				
34⅛	14⅛	Western Deep	31⅛	32⅛	-1⅛			
333	223	Western Mining	295	299	-6			
20⅛	703	Winkels	19⅛	20⅛	-⅛			
38	20	Zambia Copper	23	25	-2			
100	53	Zandpan	95	-				

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
184⅛	104	Appleyard	127	130		4.9	3.8	6.0
600	600	Bramall (CD)	550	650		6.1	1.0	23.6
743	430	Br Aerospace (aa)	538	545	-1	28.4	5.2	6.6
600	483	Caffyns	545	560		15.3	2.8	20.3
151	72	Cowie (T)	79	82		6.9	8.5	4.8
135	68	Dag Motors	92	97		6.7	7.1	5.0
299	215	Dowty	223	227	●-4	11.1	4.9	12.4
505	228	ERF	225	240	●+5	20.0	8.6	3.8
38	15	Equity & Gen	26	29		2.0	7.1	12.0
261	185	FR Group	225	229		7.8	3.4	11.2
35⅛	25⅛	Ford Motor	27⅛	-	+⅛			
269	116	General Motor	128	-	●			
143	80	Hartwell Plc	139	143	● ..	4.1	2.9	16.4
989	739	Honda Motor	773	-	+17			
96	72	Jacks (Wm)	78	82		2.7	3.4	15.0
905	264	Jaguar (aa)	845	853		14.71	1.7	76.5
198	97	Jessups	113	133		9.3	7.9	6.5
174	98⅛	Kwik-Fit	116	120	-1	3.2	2.7	17.5
147	69	Lancaster	90	97	-2	5.6	6.0	6.1
396⅛	240	Lex	270	275	-1	19.3	7.1	6.9
217	105	Lookers	130	140		8.3	6.1	5.3
722	508	Lucas (aa)	630	637	●-9	33.3	5.3	7.5
233	148	Perry gp	173	178	+1	12.0	6.8	6.3
250	165	Plaxton Group	172	177	-1	11.3b	6.5	17.0
188	103	Quicks Group	128	133		7.3	5.8	8.1
202	131	Rolls-Royce (aa)	175	178	-3	8.7	4.9	8.4
49	17	Trimoco	22⅛	24	●	1.9	8.1	4.4
655	475	Western Motor	570	595		19.3	3.3	7.9
153	120	Westland	128	132	●	4.7	3.6	12.1

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
170	73	Adscene	85	90		8.0	9.1	7.9
223	175	BPP	210	225		12.0	5.5	21.3
373	118	Barbour Index	180	190		7.3	3.9	17.2
495	365	Black (A&C)	390	400	●+5	17.0	4.3	12.7
368	265	Bristol	340	360	●-10	14.3	4.1	17.8
345	148	Builder Gp	332	342	●+2	3.9	1.2	22.3
60	35	Burford	42	45	-2	0.8	1.8	23.4
67	45	Daily Mail	59⅛	61⅛	●+⅛	13.3	2.2	14.8
65	44	Daily Mail 'A'	55	57	●+⅛	13.3	2.4	13.7
288	195	EMAP	227	232		7.9	3.4	14.8
473	225	Haynes Publishing	220	230		12.7	5.6	11.9
460	230	Home Counties	245	255		8.8	3.5	10.0
152	79	Ind Bus Comms	89	92		5.71	6.3	6.9
580	313	Independent	475	490	-5			
166	123	Johnstone Press	143	148		5.3	3.6	6.6
237	167	Maxwell Comm (aa)	210	217	-3	19.2	9.1	42.3
213	170	Gardner (DC)	180	185	+2	4.4	2.4	15.9
845	430	News Corp	610	625	+10			
386	212	News Int	335	340		6.6	2.0	79.5
859	623	Pearson (aa)	717	730	-7	26.0	3.6	13.1
347	243	Portsmouth Sund	310	320		10.2	3.2	9.6
471	349	Reed Int (aa)	423	428	-8	16.6	3.9	13.8
175	90	Southnews	85	95		6.4	7.1	8.1
10⅛	680	Thomson Corp	820	850				
225	165	Trinity Intl	213	223	-4	8.7	4.0	13.5
520	371	Utd Newspapers (aa)	423	428	-11	27.3	6.4	11.5

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
79	58⅛	Arab Energy	67	68	-⅛			
17⅛	5⅛	Atlantic Resources	10⅛	11⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
42	28	Aus Oil & Gas	36	39				
29⅛	7⅛	Akwa Pet	26	27	r -1⅛			
780	465	Br Borneo	730	750		32.0	4.3	21.4
244⅛	156⅛	British Gas (aa)	214	216	-3	12.6	5.9	10.1
343	248	Br Petroleum (aa)	320	322	●-7	19.5	6.1	14.8
705	477	Burmah (aa)	638	645	-17	26.7	4.2	14.9
335	180	Cairn Energy	330	340				
454	359	Caser Gp	365	370	●+1	23.5	6.4	15.5
25	10	Carless Oil	13⅛	14⅛				
218	116	Century	149	152	●	8.0	5.3	18.9
180	94	Clyde Pet	180	183	-1	1.3	0.8	85.3
679	459	Enterprise (aa)	633	640	-5	15.7	2.5	48.6
285	81	Esm Comp Lousiana	277	282	-5			
113	78	Goal Pet	92	94		1.3	1.4	
220	101	Gt Western Res	210	220	●+13	5.0	2.3	
22⅛	14⅛	Hamilton	21	-	+⅛			
198	122	Hardy O & G	180	182	-2	..	..	7.1
27	13	KCA Drilling	20	22				
65	25⅛	Kelt Energy	26	28				
599	415	LASMO (aa)	577	580	+4	12.0	2.1	86.3
145	90	Do Units	135	140		28.5	20.7	
38	16⅛	Monument	35⅛	38⅛	r +⅛			50.7

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
30	8	New London	18	20	-⅛			
30	19	Nth Sea Assets	33	25	-⅛			
45	27	Oil Search	33	36	-1			
87	49	Petrocon	63	70		0.7	1.0	35.2
77	10	Petroz	10	13				
171	57	Premier	99	103	-3			70.6
575	340	Presidio	535	565				
410	275	Ranger	335		-1			
50⅛	33⅛	Royal Dutch Fl5	44⅛					
501	327	Shell (aa)	449	452	-11	23.4	5.2	14.0
218	152	Sovereign	138	200				
11	5	Target Res P.P	5					
203	142	Triton Europe	180	185	-1			
384	256	Ultramar (aa)	349	353	-8	10.7	3.0	32.2
163	85	Woodside	142	146	-1			

OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
565	273	Antofagasta	520	550	+5	20.6	3.7	10.0
71	42	Boustead	60	62		1.7	2.8	16.4
187	118	Crellington	140	147		11.0	7.6	25.0
137	106	Finlay (James)	122	125		5.5	4.4	13.4
320	220	Inchcape (aa)	282	286	-2	14.7	5.2	13.1
328	238	Lonrho (aa)	305	309	-4	19.2	6.3	15.3
58	36	Ocean Wilson	44	47	+1	3.3	7.0	4.8
340	291	Paterson Zoch	325	345		11.5	3.4	16.9
333	291	Do A	325	335		11.5	3.5	16.4
130	82	Sime Darby	90	95	s +1			
134⅛	89	Tozer Kemsley	119⅛	120⅛	-⅛	6.0	5.0	10.9

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
295	222	Abbott Mead	265	270		8.5	3.2	11.9
46⅛	25⅛	Addison Cons	25	26		1.9	7.5	29.4
301	121	Assoc Paper	142	147	●+2	5.0	6.2	21.3
85	68	BAR Res	78	83		4.8	5.9	9.4
249	165	Bemrose	155	175	+1	15.1b	8.9	7.9
157	95	Bunzl(ing	110	110				5.6
178	100	Bunzl (aa)	112	114	-1	7.8	7.0	9.5
230	174	Cropper (James)	130	140	-5	3.3	2.4	9.2
97	72	Delyn Packaging	76	80	-2	1.9	2.4	13.1
292	215	Ferguson Ind	215	220		16.0	7.3	9.0
338	155	FKB	150	160	●-11	4.1	6.0	6.5
363	230	Facia-RS	228	238		13.3	5.7	5.1
93	33	Geers Gross	30	35		1.3e	3.9	11.6
337	184⅛	Gold Greenless	208	213	●	10.4	4.9	8.1
276	149	Goodhead	148	153	+1	7.3	4.8	5.9
265	126	Hunterprint	127	132	+2	5.3	4.0	6.5
166	123	Johnston Press	143	148		5.3	3.6	6.6
257	160	KLP	227	237		10.0	4.3	10.4
50	9	Kelson	11⅛	13⅛				
350	183	Lopex	183	190	-4	9.1	4.7	9.8
455	323	Lowe Group	423	427	-1	16.9	4.0	11.9
423	278	More O'Ferrall	410	425	+2	14.4	3.4	15.3
245	160	Olives Hldgs	180	193		14.0	7.6	24.1
149	93	Paragon Comms	117	122		4.9	4.0	10.7
243	187	St Ives Gp	225	230		5.7	2.5	12.7
473	230	Saatchi 10p (aa)	236	241	-7	12.0	5.0	
150	101	Shandwick	133	139	-1	3.4	2.5	35
375	256	Smith David	330	335	+1	11.7	3.5	9.9
660	365	Smurfit (Jeff)	645	660	+3			
380	179	UK Paper	368	372		8.1	2.2	19.2
413	283	Usher Walker	340	350		14.0	4.1	9.6
210	43	VPI Gp	42	44	●-1	2.1	4.9	4.3
379	182	WCRS	243	247		5.7	2.3	19.5
761	486	WPP	683	690	-6	31.6	4.6	14.4
420	259	Wace	310	315		6.0	1.9	19.6
219	140	Waddington (J)	163	168		10.0	6.0	10.5
462	375	Walmsugh	415	430		12.0	2.8	16.0
73	28	Waverley Cam	28	31	●	1.3	4.3	12.3
213	51	Yellowhammer	55	60	-2			3.4

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
154	90	Allied Lon	103	106		4.4	4.2	10.3
180	97	Asda	113	118	-5	2.1	1.9	18.5
149	89	BHH Group	99	100	+⅛	6.3	6.3	7.3
155	65	Baker Harris	68	78	●	7.0	9.6	3.8
526	398	Beton (P)	405	420		20.5	5.0	13.7
128	160	Bourne End	158	168		3.5	2.1	46.6
126	102	Bradford	105	110	-2	4.0	3.7	11.4
339	212	Bredero	213	223		8.0	3.7	12.3
425	294	Br Land (aa)	403	405	+2			19.2
250	148	Brixton	179	183	-1	7.1	3.9	21.5
530	346	Cap & Counties	350	360	-3	15.3	4.3	17.5
490	395	Cardiff Prop	395	405	+10	2.9	0.7	
10⅛	750	Chesterfield	760	810		22.0	2.8	25.1
130	74	Christie	80	87	●-3	5.3	6.3	6.1
237	115	Cityprime	115	125		10.7	8.9	3.5
240	83	Clarke Nickolls	98	108		3.41	3.3	13.0
331	218	Clayform	223	230		13.2	5.8	6.4
238	178	Connells	190	200		12.0	6.2	6.7
77	41	Control Secs	47⅛	49	-⅛	1.3	2.7	10.5
310	170	Cussins	160	180		11.6	6.9	6.7
10⅛	790	Daejan	790	820		29.3	3.6	6.2
36⅛	23	Dares Estates	24⅛	26	-⅛	2.0	7.8	8.6
180	105	Debenham Tewson	142	150		9.9	6.9	7.9
110	68	De Morgan	67	72	-3	4.7	6.7	7.2
258	145	Dencora	184	192		7.3	3.5	5.4
825	635	Derwent Hldgs	710	760		9.5	1.3	33.5
84	65	Dunamester	66	68		1.5	2.2	
205	23	Egerton Trust	133	140		10.7	7.5	6.6
350	300	Estates & Agency	340	360		7.0	2.0	44.4
231	166	Estates Gen	160	175		4.7	2.8	40.8
255	170	Evans Of Leeds	205	220		8.3	3.9	15.4
83	54	Five Oaks	65	68		2.1	3.1	28.5
205	155	Fletcher King	153	163	-2	14.1	8.9	7.4
543	416	Frogmore	447	455		14.7	3.3	16.8
456	180	Gr'nger	300	303		7.0	2.3	13.4
336	170	Gt Portland	278	283	-3	10.7	3.8	27.6
576	400	Greycoat	433	435	●-4	6.4	1.5	15.8
9⅛	1	Hallwood Gp	3	-				
65	41	Hambro Countrywd	50	52	+2			11.1
9⅛	763	Hammerson	815	820	-10	23.3	2.8	26.0
934	720	Do 'A'	775	780	-10	23.3	3.0	24.7
168	93	Hanover Druce	100	115		6.7	6.2	6.7
705	570	Hardanger	600	650		37.5	6.0	7.4
352	233	Helical Bar	260	270	-1	7.7	2.9	5.2
216	143	Herring Son	165	175	-2	6.7	3.9	12.3
263	225	Jermyn	200	250		33	1.5	
544	421	Land Prop	527	535	+23	14.3	2.7	19.0
619	465	Land Sec (aa)	501	503	-9	20.1	4.0	24.1
173	116	Lon & Edin Tst	162	164	-1	5.8	3.6	9.1
118	89	Do 6% Cv	112	116	+1	8.0	7.0	
197	118	Lon & Metro	135	135		8.9	6.6	7.3
64	38	Lon Securities	41	43	●-1	1.3	3.1	
609	459	MEPC (aa)	501	507	-6	22.7	4.5	18.3
322	145	McInerney	215	225	-5			
222	164	McKay Secs	159	169		7.1	4.3	19.1
104	63	Markheath	68	70	r	7.3	10.6	6.6
523	410	Merivale Moore	410	425		14.0	3.3	7.7
65	50	Merlin Intl	53	60		2.7	4.7	
136	90	Mountleigh Estates	91	98		2.1	2.2	8.4
177	122	Mountleigh	150	155	-3	6.3	4.1	11.7
15	11⅛	Mountview	11⅛	12		15.3	1.3	7.3
143	92	Muckiow (A&J)	114	117	s	6.0	5.2	18.3
108	57	New Cavendish	58	63				12.6
24⅛	16⅛	Ossory Est	19	19	+1⅛	1.0	5.4	12.2
125	30	Peninsu Prop	27	32	-3	2.6	8.7	
210	117	Power Corp	190	200				
535	318	Priest Marians	310	335		14	1.4	
195	118	Prop Security	142	145		5.0b	3.5	31.8
16	7⅛	Raglan	9⅛	10⅛		0.2	2.0	
143	64	Regalian	84	88	-1	5.3	6.2	4.8
106	42	Rockfort	45	50		3.5	7.6	3.9
709	440	Rosehaugh	470	475	-10	2.7	0.6	14.4
405	250	Rush & Tompkins	245	255	-2	20.3	8.1	6.9
118	75	Savills	88	92	●	5.0	5.6	7.4
172	130	Scot Met	150	155		6.0	5.0	18.3
231	171	Shaftsbury	175	150	●+2	2.0	1.1	6.9
99	50	Sheraton Secs	73	76	-1	6.7	8.9	6.2
35	20	Shield	25	30	+2			
103	76	Sinclair Goldsmith	81	89		6.7	7.9	6.9
402	274	Slough Estates (aa)	320	324	-2	13.1	4.1	17.6
248	132	Southend Prop	131	135	●	4.3	3.2	11.8
353	235	Speyhawk	338	347	●+4	18.7	5.5	5.9
122	76	Town Centre	82	87		2.4	2.8	24.6
217	86	Trafford Park	83	88	s	3.4	4.0	37.7
788	400	UK Land	415	445	●+5	19.3	4.5	5.0
62	31	Union Square	32	35	●	1.6	4.7	2.4
260	165	Warner	180	190		9.0	4.9	23.8
13	293	Warnord	310	320		8.3	2.6	29.6
136	78	Warrington	80	88	●	2.7	3.2	12.9
120	58	Warringade	60	70	●	6.3	9.7	3.9
202	155	Wates	183	197		4.1	2.2	12.2
235	115	West & Country	155	165	-5	18.7	11.7	2.8

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
688	444	Assoc Br Ports	626	633	-2	14.7	2.3	16.7
402	319	Caledonia	365	373	●-1	14.0	3.8	15.8
213	163	Clarkson (H)	200	205		8.7	4.3	12.7
141	113	Fisher (James)	122	127		5.4	4.3	14.9
220	155	Graig	185	165	●	6.0	3.2	12.8
81	65	Jacobs (JI)	72	75		5.7	7.7	32.7
237	148	Mersey Docks	150	155		3.6	2.4	5.3
393	257	Ocean Trans	338	345	-6	16.3	4.8	16.0
730	520	P & O Dfd (aa)	600	608	-12	36.7	6.1	11.8
108	85	P & O 5½%	83	88	+1	7.3	8.5	
500	333	Runciman (Walter)	350	490		16.0	3.4	16.3
539	384	Tiphook	485	490	●+1	10.11	2.1	14.3
305	215	Turnbull Scott	240	250	●	11.1	4.5	12.6

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
94	59	Headlam	72	79		2.91	3.5	11.3
216	113	Lambert Howarth	183	188	-2	12.7	6.8	
303	133	Pittard Garnar	137	145	-3	8.1	5.7	
268	121	Strong & Fisher	118	123	-4	16.4	13.6	36.4
310	250	Stylo	290	310	-8	9.3	3.1	67.6

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
36	20	Aarch	24	27				
395	313	Allied Text	360	363		14.5	4.0	12.5
260	210	Beale (John)	235	245	+2	10.1	4.2	8.6
105	63	Bersonian (A)	85	90		6.4	7.3	14.6
88	51	Bolton Gp	56	53	+1			
219	174	Br Mohair	187	192		10.7	5.6	7.5
402	263	Courtaulds (aa)	366	369	-5	17.6	4.8	10.7
130	7	CRT Gp	58	63			e	6.3
246	194	Dawson	215	217	●-1	11.8	5.5	12.0
107	53	Drummond	51	54		4.9	9.2	4.5
176	117	Foster (John)	118	123	-3	7.3	6.0	9.5
275	165	Gaskell	165	175		10.4	6.1	5.8
120	73	Helsing Pentecost	85	88		2.7	3.1	10.9
242	101	Jerome (S)	122	127		10.4	8.3	5.1
298	210	Lamont	288	262	-6	13.3	4.6	10.0
317	210	Leeds	215	225	●	11.3	5.1	9.7
152	111	Lister	117	122	-1	5.3	4.4	16.4
72	55	Lyles (S)	55	59	-2	5.0	8.8	5.8
250	120	Mackay (Hugh)	115	125		9.3	7.8	9.0
190	155	Parkland 'A'	156	160		8.7	5.5	6.4
69	50	Readicut	53⅛	54⅛		4.3	8.0	7.4
141	73	SEET	73	78	+1	7.1	9.3	
113	86	Sirdar	84	87	-1	6.9	8.0	10.4
58	31	Stroddard	39	40	●	3.3	8.5	8.0
523	248	Tomkinsons	318	333	●-5	15.3	4.7	6.0
144	92	Toatal	92	94	-1	6.6	7.1	10.9
31	13	West Trust	13	15	-1	0.7	5.0	11.2
235	165	Yorkylde	215	225		13.7	6.2	6.9

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
956	447	BAT (aa)	815	820	●-6	40.0	4.9	10.7
165	120	PJ Carroll	160	170	●			
694	424	Rothmans B (aa)	625	635	●-6	16.4	2.6	17.6

WATER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
171⅛	100	Anglian Water	166	168	-1	20.4	12.2	4.1
182	100	Northumbrian	173	177	-1	21.4	12.2	2.4
164	100	North West	155	157	-1	21.0	13.5	3.8
157⅛	100	Severn Trent	139	141	-1⅛	19.8	14.1	2.6
162	100	Sthrn Water	149	153	-1	15.0	9.8	3.4
179	100	South West	155	168	-2	17.4	10.4	2.7
167⅛	100	Thames Water	152	154	-1⅛	19.4	12.7	3.7
167	100	Welsh Water	165	168		22.4	13.4	2.8
180	100	Wessex Water	162	157	-1	20.3	12.3	3.4
182	100	Yorkshire Water	170	173	+2	20.6	12.0	3.8
£1670	£1000	Package Unit	£1568		-£12			

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● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
100	74	ASB Barnett	70	77	..	1.3	1.6	13.4
16	2	Arrencour	4½	5½	f ..	..	..	..
94	50	Antuman Res	47	52	f ..	..	..	..
96	60	Ass Farmers	92	97	f ..	..	..	..
135	87	Clarats Art	83	93	..	1.3	1.5	..
48	20	Channel Intl	20	25	..	..	..	..
143	95	Crown Eye	105	115	..	..	..	24.1
113	6½	Eglington	55	60	..	..	..	..
65	11	Far E Res	10	15	..	..	..	..
100	76	Haplare	95	105	..	..	..	15.3
32	12	Hongfeld	14	16	..	..	..	9.0
23	9	Intl Comms	9½	11½	..	..	..	..
53	31	Kemp (PE)	33	38	..	2.0	5.8	13.7
105	79	LGW	75	83	..	2.7	3.4	12.9
96	45	Leading Lsr	48	51	..	3.3	6.6	8.4
74	70	Imercare	68	75	..	..	..	15.3
74	53	Restaminster	55	60	..	2.5	4.3	11.4
235	150	Royal Sovereign	225	235	..	7.3	3.2	13.5
180	95	Seacon	137	142	-1	3.6	2.6	8.4
113	55	UPL	50	60	..	3.7	6.7	10.3
150	128	Uot Group	128	131	+1	6.7	5.2	7.8
100	68	Video Magic Co	80	87	..	..	..	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 88.2 (day's range 88.1-88.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for January 22

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6385-1.6425	1.6385-1.6395	0.98-0.97pr	2.66-2.64pr
Montrl	1.9334-1.9409	1.9373-1.9409	0.48-0.43pr	0.89-0.81pr
Amstrdm	3.1754-3.1832	3.1797-3.1832	1⅛-1⅛pr	4¼-4⅛pr
Brussels	58.82-59.13	58.86-59.06	25-23pr	67-63pr
Copnhgn	10.8968-10.9398	10.9165-10.9398	3⅝-2⅝pr	8⅝-7⅝pr
Dublin	1.0593-1.0659	1.0643-1.0653	33-27pr	86-76pr
Frankft	2.8156-2.8247	2.8199-2.8232	1⅜-1⅛pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Lisbon	246.83-248.26	246.92-247.89	7-41ds	107-191ds
Madrid	182.17-182.89	182.45-182.89	2pr-4ds	4pr-7ds
Milan	2096.05-2102.25	2098.33-2102.25	6-4pr	13-11pr
Oslo	10.8059-10.8586	10.8141-10.8371	3⅝-3⅛pr	9⅛-8⅝pr
Paris	9.5729-9.6067	9.5926-9.6067	3⅝-3⅛pr	8⅝-8⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.2087-10.2641	10.2414-10.2641	2½-2⅛pr	6⅛-5⅝pr
Tokyo	239.60-240.31	239.87-240.18	1⅜-1⅛pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Vienna	19.80-19.88	19.80-19.86	13⅛-11⅝pr	32⅞-29⅝pr
Zurich	2.5033-2.5117	2.5085-2.5117	1⅜-1⅛pr	3⅜-3⅛pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2910.82-2993.73
Australia dollar	2.0610-2.0649
Bahrain dinar	0.615-0.623
Brazil cruzado*	22.8372-22.9648
Cyprus pound	0.773-0.783
Finland marka	n/a
Greece drachma	260.90-264.10
Hong Kong dollar	12.7950-12.8045
India rupee	27.80-28.10
Kuwait dinar KD	0.477-0.483
Malaysia ringgit	4.4313-4.4357
Mexico peso	4400-4500
New Zealand dollar	2.6776-2.6837
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1165-6.1985
Singapore dollar	3.0746-3.0799
S Africa rand (fin)	5.5542-5.6535
S Africa rand (com)	4.2043-4.2119
U A E dirham	5.99-6.07

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5445-1.5460	Denmark	6.6415-6.6465	Italy	1278.5-1279.5
Singapore	1.8765-1.8785	W Germany	1.7190-1.7197	Belgium (Com)	35.94-35.99
Malaysia	2.7045-2.7055	Switzerland	1.5281-1.5288	Hong Kong	7.8090-7.8100
Australia	1.2578-1.2594	Netherlands	1.9370-1.9380	Portugal	150.70-151.20
Canada	1.1790-1.1800	France	5.8400-5.8450	Spain	111.20-111.30
Sweden	6.2375-6.2425	Japan	146.20-146.30	Austria	12.10-12.11
Norway	6.5955-6.6005				

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MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 15 Low 14⅞ Week fixed: 14⅞
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14¹¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 14¹⁹⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth – 14²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 14¹⁷⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14⅞-14²³⁄₃₂
2 mth: 14¹¹⁄₁₆-14⅝ 3 mth: 14¹⁹⁄₃₂-14½ 6 mth 14⅛-14
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15⅛
2 mth: 15⅛ 3 mth: 15⅞ 6 mth 14¾
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 15 close 14⅞
1 week: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞ 1 mth: 15⅛-15¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15⅛-15³⁄₁₆
6 mth: 15⅛-15⅛ 9 mth: 15⅛-15 12 mth: 15⅛-15³⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14⅞ 7 day: 14⅞ 1 mth: 15⅛
3 mth: 15⅛ 6 mth: 15⅛ 12 mth: 15
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-15
3 mth: 15³⁄₁₆-15⅛ 6 mth: 15⅛-15 12 mth 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-14⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.25-8.20
3 mth: 8.25-8.20 6 mth: 8.30-8.25 12 mth 8.45-8.40
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15⅛-15 2 mth: 15³⁄₁₆-15⅛ 3 mth: 15³⁄₁₆-15⅛
6 mth: 15³⁄₁₆-15⅛ 9 mth: 15⅛-15 12 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-14⅞

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⅛-8	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆
Call: 8⅛-7⅞				
Deutschemark:	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8-7⅞	8⅛-8⅛	8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆
Call: 7⅛-6⅞				
French Franc:	10³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆	10¹¹⁄₁₆-⅝	11⅛-11	11⅛-11⅞
Call: 11-10				
Swiss Franc:	9⅛-9⅛	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆	9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆	9⅝-9½
Call: 10-9				
Yen:	6⅝-6½	6¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7³⁄₁₆-7¹⁄₁₆	7⅝-7½
Call: 6-5				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $409.00-409.50 Close: $405.00-405.50
High: $409.25-409.75 Low: $404.50-405.00

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Britannia: $413.00-418.00 (£252.00-255.00)
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Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 29, 1989. Agreed rates Jan 24, 1990 to Feb 25, 1990. Scheme I: 15.90 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.38 per cent. Reference rate Dec 1, 1989 to Dec 29, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 15.164 per cent.

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $494.75 (£301.70)
Palladium pm fix: $134.50 (£82.00)
Spot Silver: $5.18-5.20 (£3.160-3.175)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 23010		
Mar 90	2370.0	2374.0	2318.0	2321.0	5881
Jun 90	2400.0	2400.0	2363.0	2364.5	273
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 122878		
Mar 90	84.88	84.92	84.79	84.81	16573
Jun 90	85.48	85.52	85.40	85.41	10600
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 37522		
Mar 90	91.73	91.73	91.69	91.70	1999
Jun 90	91.68	91.68	91.65	91.67	804
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 32520		
Mar 90	91.38	91.40	91.32	91.36	4224
Jun 90	91.41	91.41	91.33	91.34	1357
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 1691		
Mar 90	88.69	88.69	88.65	88.69	282
Jun 90	88.92	88.94	88.92	88.93	25
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 4837		
Mar 90	96-00	96-01	95-19	95-23	1924
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 34650		
Mar 90	88-24	88-26	87-20	87-25	15868
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 919		
Mar 90	96.85	96.91	96.76	96.91	131
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 39483		
Mar 90	88.32	88.38	87.90	88.01	34227
Jun 90	88.49	88.52	88.16	88.24	153

COMMODITIES

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The final day of February WTI trading witnessed a lesser correction in the outer months. All products eased in very thin activity.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	20.85	-45
15 day Feb	20.55	-35
15 day Mar	19.60	-25
WTI Feb	22.60	-80
WTI Mar	21.60	-55

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-3	210-212	-3
Gasoil EEC	-5	174-176	-5
Non 1H Feb	-6	174-176	-5
Non 1H Mar	-4	169-170	-4
3.5 Fuel Oil	-2	88-90	-3
Naphtha	-2	194-196	-3

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures
Feb 169.75 BYR
Mar 164.75-64.50
Apr 160.50-60.00
May 158.50 SLR
Jun 158.00 SLR
Jul 160.00 LT
Aug unq.
Vol 4193

BRENT AMT Futures
Mar 19.80-19.57
Apr 19.09-19.02
Vol 4757

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Jan 90 Hi 1670-1655 Low Close 1655
Feb 90 Hi 1664-1644 Low Close 1645
Apr 90 Hi 1681-1664 Low Close 1664
Jul 90 Hi 1420-1410 Low Close 1410
Vol 506 lots Open interest 5943
Dry cargo index 1668 -1

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	142.5	143.0
Apr	197.6	199.0
May	222.8	224.5
Nov	102.5	106.0

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LONDON FOX

COCOA AMT Futures
Mar 626-625 Dec 694-693
May 639-638 Mar 712-711
Jul 655-654 May 725-721
Sep 672-671 Vol 2497

COFFEE AMT Futures
Jan 575-574 Sep 643-641
Mar 591-590 Nov 661-658
May 607-606 Jan 680-679
Jul 625-624 Vol 2469

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2862
Mar 323.8-23.8 Oct 312.0-11.8
May 322.4-22.2 Dec 302.0-98.2
Aug 320.2-20.0 Mar 292.0-91.8

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 295
Ja 113.00 Mr 115.20 My 119.25
Jn 120.80 Sp 106.10 Nv 109.00
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 69
Ja 108.85 Mr 110.50 My 112.50
Sp 103.35 Nv 106.50 Ja 109.70

SOYABEAN AMT Futures
Feb 136.0-34.0 Oct 135.0-33.5
Apr 136.5-35.5 Dec 139.0-36.0
Jun 134.0-32.5 Feb 142.0-37.0
Aug 134.0-32.5 Vol 20

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1396.0-1397.0	1408.0-1409.0	639550	Steadier
Lead	417.00-418.50	413.50-414.00	59850	Brly Stdy
Zinc Hi Gde*	1260.0-1270.0	1230.0-1240.0	8950	Quiet
Zinc Spec Hi*	1272.0-1273.0	1272.0-1275.0	121275	Steadier
Tin*	6530-6540	6630-6650	5930	Steady
Aluminium Hi*	1470.0-1472.0	1497.0-1498.0	248900	Easier
Nickel*	6225-6275	6150-6200	16134	Easier

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	105.0
Apr	unq.	109.5
Jun	unq.	109.0
Aug	unq.	108.5

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jan	unq.	unq.
Feb	unq.	unq.
Apr	unq.	unq.

Vol Pig-60 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

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(£/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	83.95	205.93	110.24
GB (+/-)	+7.71	+12.41	-0.44
Eng/Wal (%)	-3.1	-31.5	-34.6
Eng/Wal (p)	83.91	205.90	110.11
Eng/Wal (+/-)	+7.91	+11.53	-0.48
Scotland (%)	-43.2	-38.6	-33.4
Scotland (p)	86.26	205.11	111.37
Scotland (+/-)	+2.26	+16.10	-0.16

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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The battle to move into Europe

The Turks realize they will have an uphill struggle to join the European Community, but their determination is as strong as ever. Even the main political opposition parties are in favour, **Peter Strafford** writes

Turkey has finally had a first response to its application to become a full member of the European Community, made in 1987. In an "opinion" delivered to the Community's Council of Ministers last month, the Commission said Turkey was eligible to join, but it advised firmly against opening negotiations before 1993 and did not suggest a date on which they should start.

It proposed only that there should be closer co-operation between the Community and Turkey in a number of areas, including financial help, industrial and technological co-operation, and further political and cultural links.

This qualified, but essentially negative, reply came as no surprise to those in Ankara who knew the views in Brussels and the Community capitals. But it fell short of their hopes and has been seen by many commentators as a slap in the face.

For President Turgut Özal and the government, who have made full membership of the Community a fundamental policy objective, it was an embarrassment.

They are making it clear, however, that they will continue to press their case. Professor Ali Bozer, the deputy prime minister, who has responsibility for relations with the Community, told me he is urging the Council of Ministers, when it considers the Commission's report, to propose a specific date for the opening of negotiations; or failing that, to undertake to open them as soon as possible after 1993.

The Council should make a commitment in principle to Turkey's eventual membership, he said. Turkish membership would benefit not just Turkey but the Community too, and the Council should "clearly demonstrate the political will for Turkish entry to the European Community". He welcomed the proposals for closer co-operation but said they should be seen as paving the way for full membership, and not as an alternative to it.

It looks as if it will be a long and uphill struggle. In its report, the Commission gave a number of reasons for its conclusions. A principal one is the Community's need to sort out its own affairs as it works for a single market in 1992, without considering further enlargement. But the Commission made clear that it saw several substantial objections to Turkey becoming a full member now, and made no commitment to eventual membership.

The objections were partly economic, because of the wide gap between living standards in Turkey and the Community as a whole, and partly political — the Commission suggesting that more should be done to improve Turkey's parliamentary system and respect for human rights.

In addition, it pointed to the differences between Turkey and Greece, a Community member, and the situation in Cyprus as standing in the way of Turkish membership.

Although diplomatic, the language was clear. The Commission's view is that a great deal has to change before the Community can seriously consider admitting Turkey. On the economic front alone the differences are huge. The report finds, for instance, that, whereas among the 12 as a whole there are 327 cars per 1,000 inhabitants, in Turkey there are only 19; that for telephones the figures are 466 and 45 respectively; and for doctors, 2.5 and 0.7.

In the Community countries 10.4 million people work in agriculture, while in Turkey alone the figure is 15.2 million, or 57 per cent of the work-force.

Another factor is the events in Eastern Europe. The Turks are uncomfortably aware that developments there have priority in Brussels, and that their own approach will be given less attention as the Community works out its response to the changes in Europe. The apparent weakening of the Soviet military threat could also reduce Turkey's strategic value to Western Europe.

TOM HANLEY

Turkey goes to work: the early morning crowds on their way to office and factory reflect the country's resolve to be accepted in a wider Europe

Ankara is preparing, therefore, for a long campaign. Full membership is seen as an important means of modernizing the country, and the logical culmination of a process that began in the last century, as the Turkish ruling class has increasingly identified itself with Europe. Turkey is a member of the Council of Europe, Nato and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and in 1963 it signed the Treaty of Ankara, which made it an associate member of the Community and provided for full membership in the long run.

Significantly, the campaign has the backing of the two main opposition parties. Süleyman Demirel, the leader of the True Path Party, and Deniz Baykal, secretary general of the Social Democrat and Populist Party, both told me they back the Turkish application, and their reactions to the Commission's report were similar to those of the government. Only the small Muslim fundamentalist party is opposed to the application.

There are positive points for Turkey in the report. Bozer points to the fact that it found Turkey eligible to become a full member — which disposes of objections that it is geographically largely outside Europe, and that as an overwhelmingly Muslim country it has no place in the Community. He sees the proposals for closer links between the Community and Turkey as a step in the right direction.

'Closer co-operation should be seen as paving the way for full membership of the Community'

Nor, in general, do the Turks find much to quarrel with in the Commission's analysis of their economy. Turkey admits that its economy lags significantly behind that of the 12, taken together, and that the country cannot become a member in the immediate future.

The objection is that the Commission took a static view of the figures, and did not outline a process by which the differences between Turkey and the Community would gradually narrow — as it did, for instance, for Portugal. The Commission points out that Turkish entry would place a heavy burden on Community funds. The Turks consider that the Community should make a commitment to Turkish membership in the long term, which would help to reduce the differences.

In the political area, too, Turkey concedes that there is room for improvement in its democratic processes and its handling of human rights. Steps are being taken to improve its record in both areas, it is emphasized.

There are, however, two parts of the Commission's report to which the Turks take vigorous exception. One is the reference to Turkish-Greek differences and to Cyprus, and the implication that Turkish entry will be subject to resolution of those differences, with all the diplomatic leverage that that would give to Greece.

This, the Turks maintain, is unfair to Turkey. They point out that in 1976, when both Turkey and Greece were associate members and the Commission made a similar report on the Greek application to become a full member, it said that the Community should not become a party to the disputes between Greece and Turkey, and that a decision on Greek membership should not depend on their resolution.

The Turks are resentful that, even though their country is an associate member, Greece has been allowed by the other 11 to block measures of financial assistance. Promises not to tolerate this state of affairs have not been fulfilled, and as long as they are outside the Turks see themselves as permanently subject to a Greek veto.

The other "black point", as it is described, touches on the acutely sensitive subject of the Kurds. The Commission's report refers unmistakably to this when it talks of greater respect for the identity of minorities, but there is strong resistance in Ankara to the idea that the Kurds should be given minority status.

In recent years there has been some significant movement towards official acknowledgement of a Kurdish-speaking community. But the Kurdish problem continues to be seen in the light of the terrorist campaign by the Marxist-Leninist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), with its bases in Syria and its aim of separation; and there is a refusal to concede anything that might lead in that direction.

Underlying all this is the question of how Turkey might react if it believed it was being consistently rebuffed by the Community. It is an important regional power whose economy has grown significantly in recent years. It also has a key strategic position, placed between Europe, the Soviet Union and the Middle East, and is a valuable member of Nato. Might it turn elsewhere?

This is a prospect that has been held out as Turkey has pressed its case for Community membership, and ministers have revived it since the completion of the Commission's report. Bozer told me that Turkey wanted to play a constructive role within the Community, but that if it was not accepted, "the new shape of Europe can offer Turkey several alternative options".

What is certain is that a perceived rebuff will be felt as a blow to the modernizing and liberalizing elements in Turkish society, and can only be welcomed by the small, but increasingly vocal, body of Muslim fundamentalists. It could lead, at the least, to a difficult and uncooperative stance.

With borders in the west with Greece and Bulgaria, and in the east with Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq and Syria, Turkey is at the heart of a sensitive region. The Community, preoccupied though it is with Eastern Europe, should not ignore it.

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The promise of a return to growth

Exports, tourism, workers' earnings abroad and farm production are listed by Andrew Mango as important contributions to an improving economy

Politicians changed places in Turkey last year, while the economy stood still. This year the reverse is likely, as the politicians stay put and the economy picks up after a difficult patch.

The last year of the boom engineered by Turgut Özal during his time as prime minister was 1987. In 1988, the growth of the economy dropped from 7.4 to 3.4 per cent. Last year was even worse. It is still not clear whether growth was nearer 1 or 2 per cent. In any case, it was lower than the 2.5 per cent annual increase of the country's population, now estimated at 55 million.

And while economic growth dropped, prices rose. Consumer prices increased by 39 per cent in 1987, by 75 per cent in 1988, and by 70 per cent in 1989.

There is a brighter side to the picture, even if it brings no immediate comfort to the average Turk. Exports and revenue from tourism have increased steadily through the past decade. The effect on the balance of payments was seen in 1988, when the external current account swung from a deficit of $980 million into a surplus of $1.5 billion.

A surplus is also expected to be shown for 1989, even though figures for the first 10 months of the year show a slight decline in exports, and a considerable increase in imports. The consequent growth of the trade deficit by 43 per cent to $3.6 billion for the 10 months is worrying.

But a wider gap had been feared. The reasons were that direct subsidies to exporters were stopped, to be replaced by access to cheaper credit, that the government curtailed credits to Iraq, which had been a good customer but a bad payer, that import duties were reduced, that the Turkish lira appreciated in real terms, dropping only 27 per cent against the American dollar while Turkish prices increased by 70 per cent, and, above all, that the country suffered the worst drought for many years.

An expected improvement in farming is one reason for optimism. Another is the revenue from tourism and the remittances of Turkish workers abroad. Despite gloomy predictions, foreign visitors earned Turkey an estimated $2.6 billion last year, $300 million more than in the previous record year of 1988.

Last year's slight drop in inflation was achieved even though salary rises in the public sector exceeded 140 per cent, proving that wages are a much lower component of costs in Turkey than in more prosperous countries. This year started with a 25 per cent half-yearly increase in civil service pay.

If winter austerity is not followed by capitulation in the summer, the drop in inflation should accelerate considerably — perhaps to the 54 per cent projected by the state planning organization. And the fact that there are no elections scheduled this year should help the government to brave temporary unpopularity.

Faced with a shortage of domestic investment funds and with the need to safeguard the balance of payments, the government has been doing its best to attract foreign capital. Foreign investment permits have climbed from $103 million in 1983, before Özal took over, to $824.5 million in 1988, and a record of $1.47 billion last year.

But the sums actually remitted are much smaller, and amounted to only $885 million in the years 1983-1988. It is a disappointing total for a country of Turkey's size. In spite of vociferous opposition protests, the government is now trying to involve foreign capital in its privatization programme.

The tradition of economic nationalism is strong in Turkey, and goes back to the practice of Kemal Atatürk, founder of the republic. But difficult as it has been to reverse it, the Motherland Party governments have made good progress towards their aim of integrating Turkey into the world free-market system.

The application for full membership of the European Community has been part of the process. And while the European Commission has now recommended that negotiations on it should not begin before 1993, it has also drawn attention to the existing commitment under the Treaty of Association to establish a full customs union in 1995. This would imply a relaxation of restrictions on the import of Turkish textiles and farm produce into the Community.

The West and, increasingly, Japan are Turkey's main trading partners and sources of investment, tourism and remittance revenue. But the Soviet Union's importance will increase as the conversion of Ankara and Istanbul to Soviet natural gas proceeds and more pipelines are built. Turkey is also keen to find markets for its consumer goods in the newly emancipated East European markets, although it realizes that their purchasing power is limited.

Turkey's development is proceeding on a wide front. In 1988, manufactured goods, with textiles and iron and steel in the lead, accounted for 77 per cent of exports. Coming years should see growing benefits from the huge investment made in the south-east Anatolia development project. A large increase in hydro-electric production should be followed by growth in the production first of cotton, and then of fruit, vegetables and fodder.

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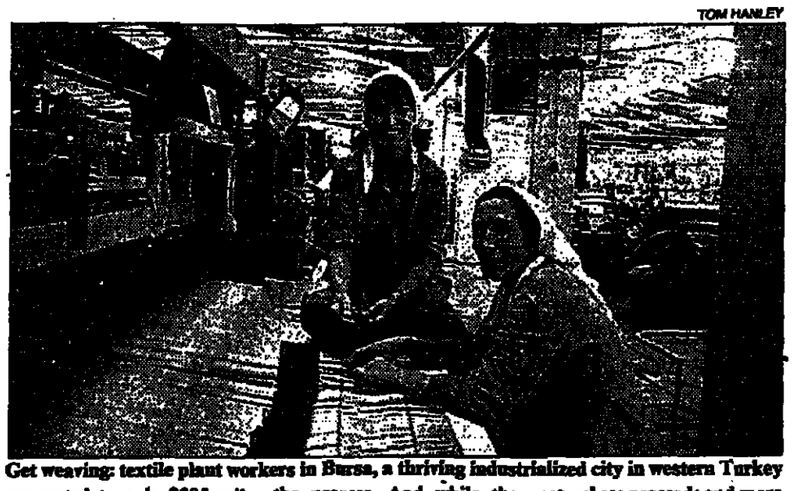

Get weaving: textile plant workers in Bursa, a thriving industrialized city in western Turkey

Industry's links with the EC and British trade and investment are increasing year by year

Industrialists in Turkey, hungry as they have been for their country to become a full part of the European Community with its trading opportunities, have long tended to be philosophical about how long the entry process might take.

Now that an early acceptance into the Community has been denied to Turkey, even though it has been an associate member of the European club since 1963, it is neither a surprise to Turkish business nor a body blow.

The Commission advised the member governments against starting negotiations on Turkey's application for membership until the single market was established. But it recommended strengthening the treaty of association with Turkey to improve co-operation with the Community through a customs union and a gradual converging of the widely different economies.

A common forecast in Turkey's business community has been that it will be the turn of the century that will see the country becoming a fully-fledged member because, despite progressive changes seen in Turkey, more still has to be done to turn a largely agriculture-based economy into an industrialized one with an infrastructure capable of servicing it efficiently.

The worry for Turkish industry is that just as foreign investment has been building up in healthy fashion, Western money could start going more into Eastern bloc industrial expansion. Foreign investment partnerships for Turkish enterprises provide a far better way of raising cash for development than borrowing internally at punitive interest rates fuelled by high inflation.

There has always been talk of Turkey, with its Islamic background, becoming part of an Asian economic group if its ambitions to be entirely European are frustrated; and with so much in the melting pot in this part of Europe and the Middle East nobody can be sure that this may not happen.

At the same time trade has been burgeoning with the Soviet Union. This is because supplies of Soviet gas have stimulated Turkish involvement with its large neighbour, ranging from extensive construction projects within the country to building ships to Soviet order.

Yet the Europeanization of Turkey has seemed for several decades now such an inelectable process that it is hard to see it slowing to any marked degree, let alone being radically reversed. The European presence in Turkey is substantial, and the country's trading links with Europe, especially Britain, have been growing strongly.

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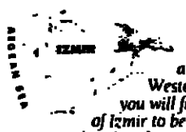

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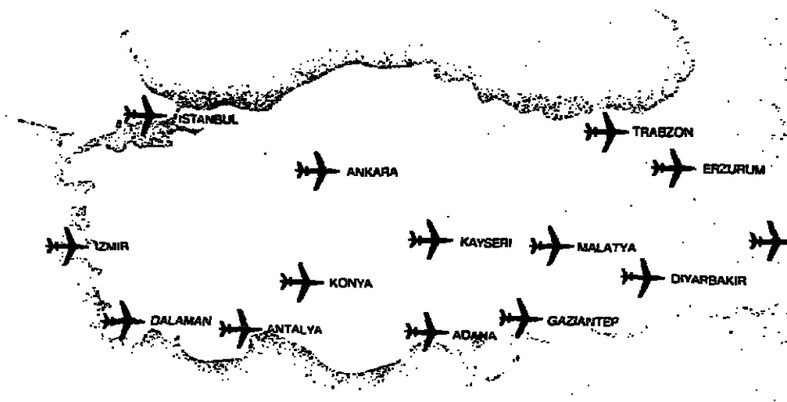

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City that mirrors progress

Izmir, the third largest city in Turkey, the second most important industrial centre, and a port whose origins go far back into history, is a striking example of the changes that have taken place across the country in recent years (*Peter Strafford writes*). In 1965 it had a population of just over 400,000. Today, according to Yüksel Çakmur, the mayor of greater Izmir, the central city alone has two million, and it is growing by 7 per cent a year.

This increase is largely accounted for by immigration from the rural areas of central and eastern Anatolia. Most of the immigrants have settled into makeshift homes, known as *gecekondu*, on the outskirts of the city, and their numbers mean that the main problems Çakmur faces are to do with the urban infrastructure.

One of the biggest projects, under way now for just over a year, is to clean the waters of Izmir Bay, which is badly polluted.

Çakmur's main difficulty, he told me, was political. He is a member of one of the main opposition parties, the Social Democratic Populist Party, and when he defeated the candidate of the ruling Motherland Party in last year's municipal election, the government vowed to restrict his spending.

Izmir and the Aegean region are among the most prosperous parts of Turkey. Izmir, the ancient Smyrna, has long been the gateway through which goods were exported from Anatolia to Western Europe, as well as the other way round, and it has a long tradition of contacts with the West.

The economic backbone of the region is its agriculture, based on rich soil and a mild climate. But in recent years, as Turkey has modernized its economy and concentrated on increasing its exports, it has also become an important industrial centre. And there has been a further bonus from its position in the middle of the Aegean coast, which has made it a base for tourists.

Halit Şarlak, president of the Aegean chamber of commerce, talks of a wide, and growing, range of industries, from textiles to electronics.

Textiles, in particular, were doing well, he said. But the region no longer concentrated solely on them and industries related to food and drink. Its products now included chemicals, petroleum products, motor parts, electrical machinery, video-cassettes, and even iron and steel.

There were several sectors, such as textiles and glass, in which Turkey was selling successfully to the European Community, and that showed that Turkish industry could compete.

Andrew Mango describes the strength of a new democracy

The firm line holds against raised voices

Last November Turgut Özal, Turkey's conservative prime minister, became the first civilian to be elected president since the military coup of 1960. Democracy, he declared, had finally taken root in the country.

The opposition disagreed. Both Professor Erdal Inönü, leader of the Social Democratic and Populist Party (SHP), the main opposition group, and Süleyman Demirel, the former prime minister who was ousted by the military in 1980 and who now, as leader of the True Path Party (DYP), is Özal's conservative rival, argued that Özal could not embody the unity of the nation.

He was the leader of the ruling Motherland Party (ANAP), they pointed out, which had come a disastrous third in the local elections last March, when its share of the total vote amounted to only 22 per cent. And although the party had an absolute majority of seats in parliament, and had therefore been able to elect the president of its choice, that majority was deceptive. Even in the 1987 general election it had won only 36 per cent of the total poll.

Fortified by these arguments, the opposition boycotted the presidential election and has had no dealings with President Özal since.

Their stand was strengthened by the belief that the new dispensation was temporary — that the government of Yildirim Akbulut, chosen by Özal as his successor, would fall prey to dissension within the ruling party, that a general election, due by November 1992, would have to be advanced, and that Özal would then have to vacate the presidential palace.

Does this mean that political stability, which the military sought to promote with a new constitutional settlement after the 1980 coup, is to prove short-lived? Business circles do not think so. After dropping slightly during the transition, the Istanbul stock exchange has resumed its dizzy rise. The Turkish lira is continuing to appreciate in real terms against the American dollar.

Nor, in spite of a threat by Demirel to mobilize people power against a parliament that he considers unrepresentative, are there any signs that the contract between the excitement of politicians and the apathy of the public is about to end.

Akbulut, chosen to be prime minister on the day Özal was elected president, was speaker of parliament, and a former provincial lawyer, who had made a name for himself as a skilful conciliator but had been considered by nobody as a potential prime minister.

As he came into office, all the departmental ministers in the previous administration kept their jobs, but the cabinet was enlarged by the appointment of important faction leaders in the Motherland Party as ministers of state.

One of them was Mehmet Keçeciler, usually described as leader of the religious faction. His entry into the government had previously been blocked by Kenan Evren, the retired

For freedom: Özal tells his people democracy has finally taken root

general and outgoing president, and is deeply resented by Turkey's secularist establishment.

But Akbulut has survived the first two big tests. He won an easy victory over Hasan Celal Güzel, a former minister of education, in a contest for the leadership of the Motherland Party; and in the budget debates in parliament, Güzel's revolt fizzled out, and the budget was passed by the united vote of the ruling party. Granted that political storms can blow up suddenly, the calendar is clear of any foreseeable dangers.

The fact is that changes at the top have not affected the two constant factors that have governed Turkish politics since its first genuinely free parliamentary election, held in 1950.

They are that the right has a permanent majority of between 55 and 65 per cent and that the centre-right and the centre-left between them account for 85 to 90 per cent.

Both these broad camps are divided, largely on personal lines — the centre-right between Özal (and his nominee, Akbulut) and Demirel, and the centre-left between Inönü and Bülent Ecevit, another former prime minister.

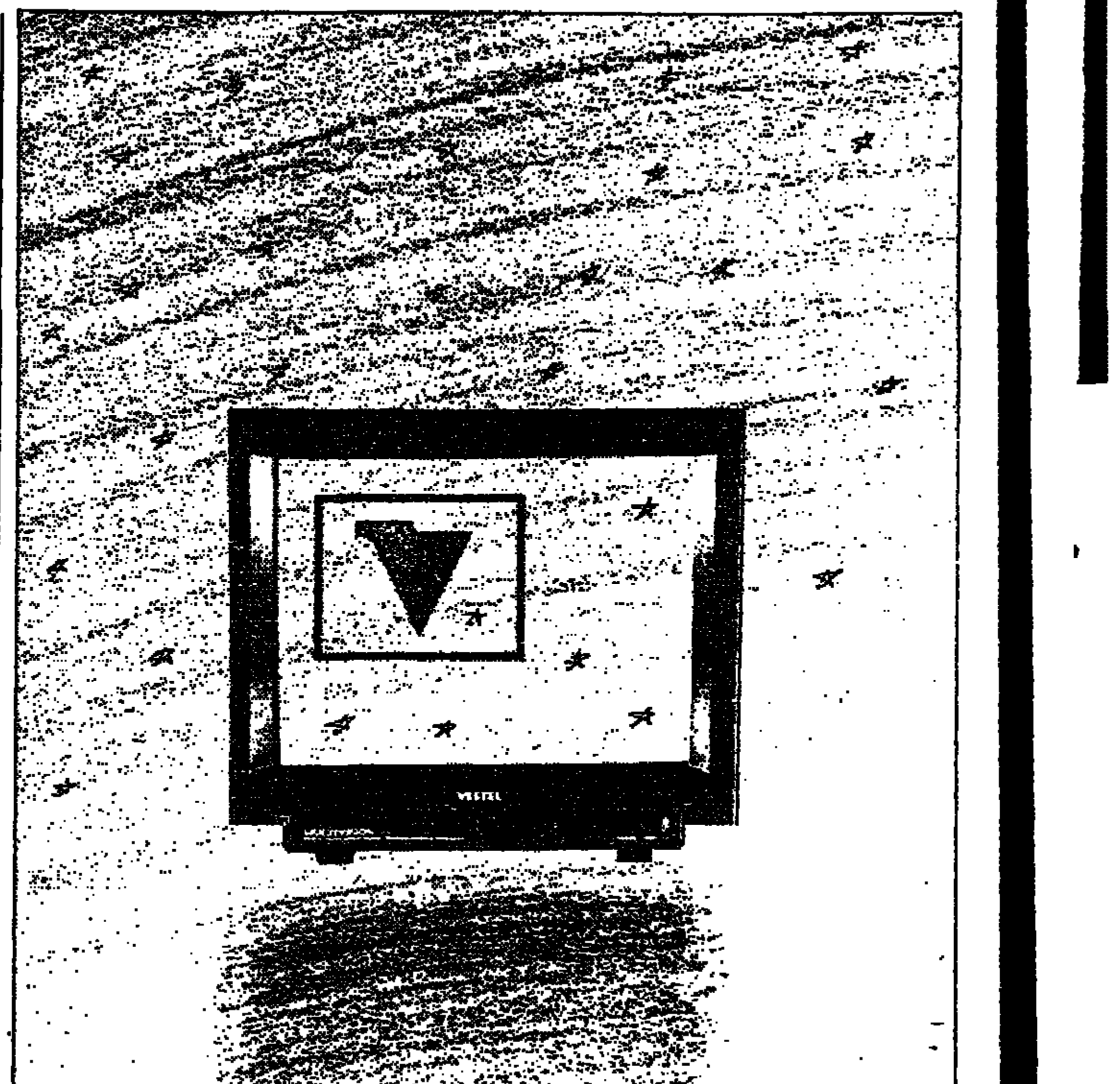
There are other new splits. On the right Bedrettin Dalan, the former mayor of Istanbul, has resigned from the Motherland Party and is endeavouring to form a Democratic Centre Party in opposition to it. However, as members of parliament do not wish to vote themselves out of a job, he has found no recruits among the parliamentary majority.

On the left, Inönü's problems are more serious. Defections and expulsions have reduced his parliamentary strength from 99 to 81. His refusal to accommodate either Kurdish nationalist sentiment or the Marxist left may pay off in the future, but is diminishing his constituency at present. At the same time, disillusionment has set in with the performance of newly elected Social Democratic mayors.

The public are watching the political manoeuvres with considerable detachment. They have troubles aplenty with rising prices, with more serious entrants into the labour market than new jobs, and with inadequate provision for health and education. The vote against Özal in last year's local elections expressed disappointment at his failure to fulfil expectations of a richer life.

But few believe that a different political leadership would achieve faster progress towards the Western European standard of living, which is the aim of most Turks, whatever their political persuasion or religious sentiment. At the same time the present government also benefits both from the fear of instability bequeathed by the troubled 1970s, and from the widespread acceptance of the free-market policies that it preaches.

Above all, Turks have plenty of room to make the best of prevailing material circumstances. This feeling that they live in a free (albeit, for most, a poor) country is the best guarantee of continued political stability.



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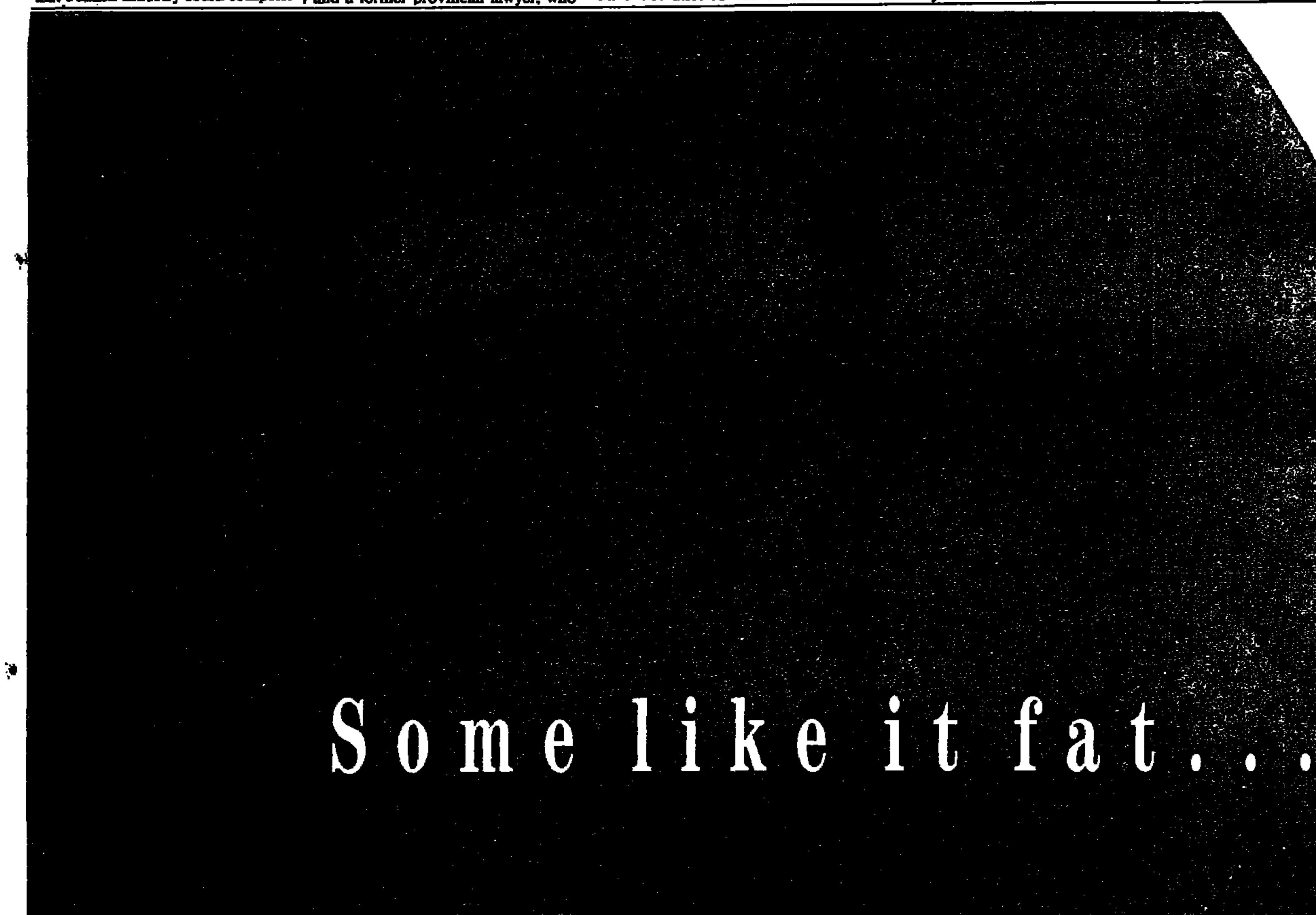

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The homeless fleeing persecution in neighbouring Iraq and Bulgaria are bringing problems for Turkey, Raşit Gürdilek reports

The Kurds (left) and the Bulgarian Turks (right) live in cities of tents, where sickness flourishes and where the common denominator is poverty. The guerrilla fighters, from the mountains of Iraq, are used to the hardships but many Turks are returning to Bulgaria

The forgotten refugees

The man shrinks. Perhaps for the first time, he is acutely uncomfortable in his khaki shirt and baggy trousers, which give him away as a *peshmerga*, or Kurdish fighter, one of those who have crossed the border from Iraq to take refuge in Turkey.

But he correctly judges the stranger's friendly intent, and his hand instinctively reaches out. He gives an embarrassed smile as, instead of the well-worn Kalashnikov, he clutches a knitted toy. But the encounter with the Press attracts a crowd, which, in turn, draws the secret police; and a nervous jeweller shoos him away from his shop-front.

There are fellow ex-fighters hawking cheap sweaters across the street, and they present a sorry sight in the bustle of Diyarbakir — so different from their former mountain strongholds — although language is no barrier in this south-eastern corner of Turkey.

The Kurds are not the only misfits in Turkey these days. There are others in Istanbul, Ankara or Bursa, where a woman swallows her pride to rejoice over a cleaning job, and her husband, the old Fiat sold long ago, pleads to be accepted by the local drivers.

These are the ethnic Turks from Bulgaria, the second recent influx into Turkey, who arrived in the "motherland" to tearful scenes, but whose euphoria has now subsided. They have to weigh an uncertain future for themselves against certain humiliation if they go back to Bulgaria.

The two groups have little in common. One was born into the life of the fighter, the other into a quiet life as a farmer, semi-skilled worker or artisan. The first was accustomed to abject poverty, the second to relative wealth and the trappings of urban life. But both are now forgotten refugees, eclipsed when the earthquake in Eastern Europe set off new migrations far more important for the West.

It was the Kurds who came first. More than 50,000 of them fled Iraq's vengeance after their Iranian allies had thrown in the towel in the Gulf war in the summer of 1988. Hard put to cope with an armed insurgency among its own Kurds, Turkey hesitated at first to open the border. But the political and economic risks were overruled as world opinion focused on the alleged use of chemical weapons by the Iraqis.

In its expectations of international good marks, however, Ankara was disappointed. Not only did world interest evaporate with the Kurds' reprieve, but what was left of it turned critically to how they were being taken care of. Ankara was understandably pleased when about 15,000 went on to Iran and 5,000 eventually returned to Iraq to enjoy amnesty, still leaving 30,000 in Turkey.

Of those remaining, only about a third are spending their second winter in tents, near the relative warmness of Mardin. The rest are divided into housing complexes in Muş and Diyarbakir, where they are allowed to supplement their free meals and "tobacco money" with small-scale trading.

For Turkish officials, the maintenance of good ties with Baghdad, needed in the fight against the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) insurgents, requires the prevention of forays across the border by *peshmergas*, who have evidently been hoping for such a free hand against Iraq. The message was clear from the start: "If you want to fight, go. But if you will stay, then behave."

Ankara also feels the need to deny refugee status, with the attendant rights and liberties, to the "northern Iraqis", fearing it would fuel separatist tendencies within its own large Kurdish community — who number nine million, or a sixth of the total population, but are not recognized as an ethnically distinct minority.

Understandably, Turkey opposes the idea of letting a combat-tested army of guerrillas go free in its south-eastern provinces, where the government troops have been fighting the less numerous PKK rebels for more than five years.

So assimilation is seen as the solution. Turkish officials have turned down repeated requests for the schooling of the *peshmerga* children in Kurdish and offered instead classes in Turkish. But hopes remain that the Kurdish refugees can be persuaded to drop their hostility to Iraq, and allow Turkey to draw a sigh of relief.

For, despite its attraction, assimilation has become undefendable, at least openly, since the foreign word entered the Turkish language in a quite different context. There it denoted the oppression suffered by another group of refugees, the Bulgarian Turks, who started to pour across the border a year after the Kurds.

Throughout last summer they came in from Bulgaria, fleeing a five-year campaign of forced assimilation. Before Turkey closed the border in September, fearing that Sofia would send all 1.5 million, 320,000 had come.

In the end, both sides accepted Kuwait's mediation. The first round of talks, held in October, was unproductive, but the toppling of the hard-line regime of Todor Zhivkov in Bulgaria and the subsequent restoration of the Turks' rights paved the way for a meeting of foreign ministers this month, and progress was announced. But the refugees remain.

An ancient world far from the beaches

The Hittites were once a formidable power. Turkey's desolate interior reveals their strange kings and deities

Not many foreign tourists stop in Ankara, Turkey's businesslike capital high up on the Anatolian plateau *(Peter Strafford writes)*. They go for the beaches and the best-known classical sites, which are mainly by the coast. Ankara's few Roman remains — a column in honour of Julian the Apostate, a temple dedicated to Augustus and Peace, some baths — though evocative of its days as a provincial centre, hardly compete.

But the capital is a good base for anyone interested in a shadowy and, in their day, important people, the Hittites. In the middle of the second millennium BC, the Hittites were a great power in the ancient world. Their rule extended over much of Anatolia and down into what are now Syria and Iraq; in about 1286 BC, at the battle of Qadesh, they defeated the Egyptian pharaoh, Rameses II.

The remains of the Hittite capital, Hattuşaş, are 130 miles to the east, and Ankara itself is the site of the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, which has a collection of exhibits spanning thousands of years. These range from wall-paintings and little statues of fertility goddesses of the sixth millennium BC, to the more familiar products of the Roman Empire, and they include Hittite stone carvings and ceramics.

When I set off for Hattuşaş earlier this month, central Anatolia was under snow. The road is good, but the bare, rolling hills, their contours softened by the snow, emphasized how strange it was that such an important empire should have had its heart in such a desolate region.

Then, it is thought, the hills were covered with trees — before shipbuilders, goats and other predators got at them. Today, the massive walls of Hattuşaş, and the ruins of the palace inhabited by kings with such names as Hattusilis, Suppiluliumas and Tudhaliyas, sprawl down a bare, uneven hillside dotted with outcrops of rock. A river gorge runs down each side, and the little village of Bogazkale lies at its foot. The foundations of numerous temples have been found, but the imposing character of ancient Hattuşaş is best conveyed by the remains of its gates. One has a carving in high relief of a warrior, another two large sculptures of the heads, manes and front legs of lions, a third two carvings, badly worn, of sphinxes.

Near by, across one of the gorges, is the most graphic memorial of all. Yazilikaya is a cluster of huge rocks that must have been a holy place for the Hittite kings, and on their sides there are still the carvings in relief which they had made of gods, goddesses and kings.

In the big chamber, a long procession of gods and goddesses converges on a ritual meeting between the most important god and goddess, appropriately much bigger than the others. In the smaller, there is another line of 12 small gods marching purposefully forward, a relief of King Tudhaliyas in the embrace of a deity, and a bigger god in the form of a sword.

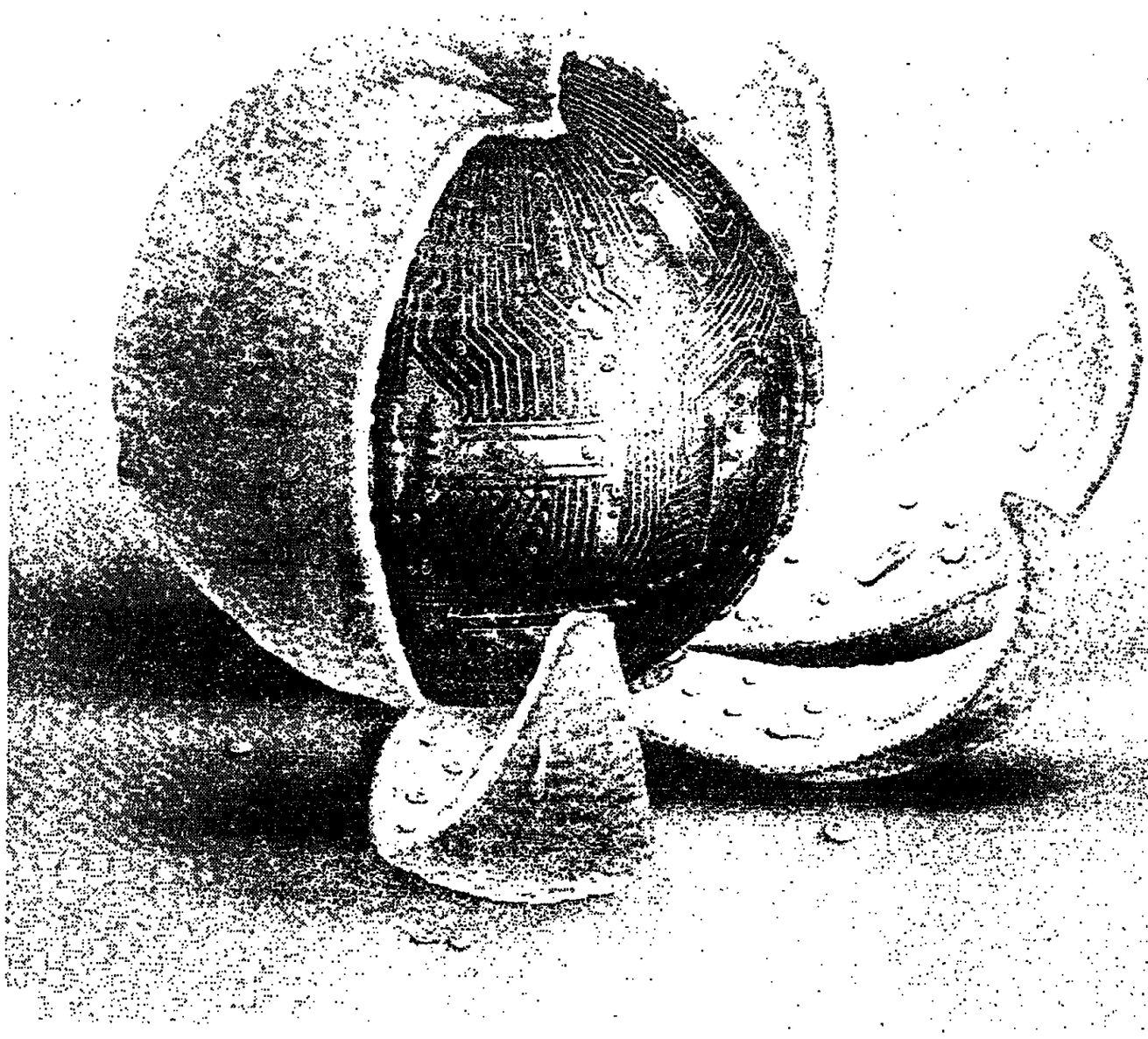
Little is known about the rituals performed at Yazilikaya. Nor, until earlier this century, was much known about the Hittites themselves.

After the sacking of Hattuşaş about 1180 BC, some of them re-established themselves in various centres to the south-east, including Carchemish, where they were eventually overwhelmed by the Assyrians and vanished almost completely from history — apart from references in the Bible.

They began to re-emerge only at the beginning of this century, when the ruins of Hattuşaş were extensively excavated by German archaeologists, and many clay tablets, covered in a cuneiform script, were discovered. The language, an early Indo-European one, was deciphered, revealing the Hittites' diplomatic correspondence.

It is now thought that they first emerged as a force around 1650 BC, the start of the Old Kingdom, and that they became an important power about 200 years later, when the Hittite Empire began. There are those who believe they had contacts with the rising power of Mycenaean Greece, particularly around the time of the Trojan War.

But there is no doubt that Hattusilis, Suppiluliumas, Tudhaliyas and others were important men in their day. The windswept site of Hattuşaş, and the carved stone reliefs and libation vessels in the Ankara museum, are their memorial.



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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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Building property business

LEGAL BRIEF

The Law Society has a strategy to deter potential conveyancing rivals. Andrew Lockley reviews its prospects of success

Moving home is the event which most commonly brings the public into contact with solicitors. A Law Society survey showed that 35 per cent of respondents had bought or sold through a solicitor in the past three years.

Most solicitors are wondering whether that proportion will hold up in the 1990s. The Courts and Legal Services Bill, now going through the Lords, extends to what will be known as authorized conveyancing practitioners (ACPs) the right to carry out conveyancing and charge for it. Everybody assumes this means that banks and building societies, but estate agents may want to weigh in as well.

At present, solicitors and licensed conveyancers hold a conveyancing duopoly.

The Bill tells us little about the terms on which ACPs will be allowed to enter the market. That will be left to regulations made when it becomes law. We know, however, from the Government's White Paper in July 1989, Legal Services – A Framework for the Future, that the Government is satisfied that unregulated competition will do the public no good. The White Paper makes clear that the Government will act to prevent financial institutions getting themselves into a position where they have obligations to buyer and seller, whether by doing the conveyancing for both of them, or the estate agency for one and conveyancing for the other.

There then came a consultation paper by the Director-General of Fair Trading on estate agency, which has canvassed ways of preventing financial institutions from taking advantage of customers through their estate-agency outlets. There is particular concern about the selling of endowment mortgages to potential property buyers, which are profitable lines for those institutions owning estate agencies.

It may be that the institutions, now that their estate-agency operations have suffered in the property slump, will not want to add conveyancing to their portfolios. But the prospect of that threat has concentrated minds. The Law Society has been quietly putting a strategy into effect for the past two years. As a result, solicitors will be able to see off any competition from authorized practitioners.

The strategy can be summarized as three concepts: simplification, packages and information. On the first, the society has concentrated on simplifying conveyancing procedure. Of course, solicitors cannot do this single-handed. Other agencies are involved – local authorities, the Land Registry, mortgage lenders, insurance companies, estate agents and surveyors – but that part of the process within solicitors' control the Law Society will simplify, so far as it can. Streamlined procedures, entitled the "national conveyancing protocol", to come into effect on March 21, have been devised to reduce the period between choosing a house and the time on exchange of contracts when the deal is at last certain.

Simplifying dealings between solicitors will also facilitate computerization of the conveyancing process and help speed the transaction. The society has published a list of nine recognized suppliers of conveyancing software packages used internally by about 500 firms, and is also discussing with three leading providers of network services a possible pilot project to test the feasibility of "on-line" communications between agencies involved in the conveyancing process.

On the third concept, packages, the public has made it clear that whenever possible, it wants to buy services under one roof. But the same public wants services to be provided by independents. The society believes the public's needs can best be met by solicitors – who are independent – moving out from conveyancing to offer estate agency or financial services as well.

The profession's rules prevent these services (or any other) being offered in situations that might lead to conflicts of interest, so a solicitor acting as an estate agent cannot also sell financial services to those wishing to buy the houses he has for sale.

More than 200 firms of solicitors now also act as estate agents and the number would undoubtedly have grown much faster were it not for the property slump. Nearly 700 firms belong to the Law Society's commercial subsidiary, SFPS Ltd, which has linked with the independent financial services group Sedgwick to offer solicitors' clients a number of property-related financial services.

The third arm of the strategy is information. Solicitors have to overcome a widespread lack of appreciation among clients about what they actually do to earn their conveyancing fees. So much of the transaction is invisible.

It will be a key part of the campaign for the protocol that the public is better informed. Clients also want to know what it is going to cost them in advance. Standard forms are now available for written estimates but the society is considering strengthening the obligation (which already exists) to keep clients informed about the cost of work being carried out.

Having a remedy after the event is not nearly so effective as avoiding problems from the start.

In 10 years, it may well be that the solicitor offering residential conveyancing and nothing else will routinely also offer his or her own estate-agency or financial-services packages as well. The public clearly wants one-stop shopping.

The Government recognizes this cannot be provided without some controls on the most powerful operators in this sphere – the financial institutions. Solicitors are getting into shape for the competition and provided it is fair, will be no worse off for the experience.

● *The author is director, legal practice, the Law Society.*

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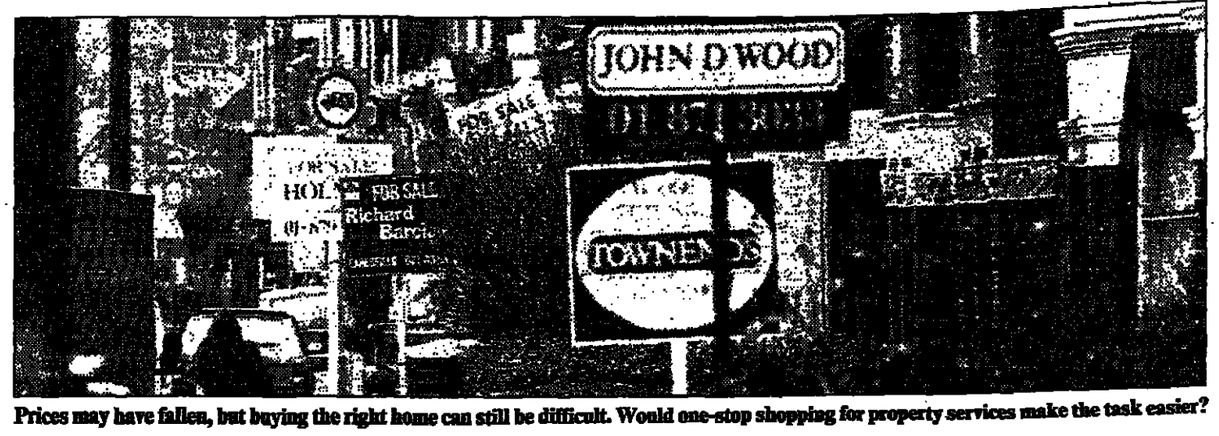

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Law Report January 23 1990 Privy Council

Contractual school-fee arrangement constitutes employee's taxable income

Glynn v Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry

[Judgment January 22]

Where pursuant to a an employee's contract of service a company paid direct to an English boarding school the school fees of the employee's daughter, the payments constituted income from his employment assessable to Hong Kong salaries tax.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr David Hardy Glynn, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong allowing an appeal by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue from the judgment of Mr Justice Rhind in the High Court of Hong Kong allowing an appeal by the taxpayer from a decision of the Board of Review upholding the commissioner's salaries tax assessment on the taxpayer for the year 1982-83.

Mr Barry Pinson, QC for the taxpayer; Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr Bernard Whaley, Senior Crown Counsel, Hong Kong, for the commissioner.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that by an agreement in writing the taxpayer agreed to work for a company for a specified monthly remuneration and on terms, *inter alia*, that the company would pay the education costs of his children.

In correspondence between *the taxpayer, Roedean School* and the company it was agreed that primary liability for the payment of the school fees of the taxpayer's daughter should be borne by the company. Thereafter the company paid those fees.

By section 8(1) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance salaries tax should be charged for each year of assessment on every person in respect of his income arising in or derived from Hong Kong from any office or employment of profit. Section 9(1)(a) provided that income from any office or employment included salary or perquisite.

The commissioner contended that each sum paid by the company to Roedean School was a perquisite of the taxpayer liable to salaries tax. The taxpayer contended, *inter alia*, that a perquisite had to be a sum of *money paid to an employee if it* was to be taxed.

The principles of the Ordinance were based on the *provisions* of the United Kingdom Income Tax Acts. In particular the taxation of a perquisite involved the same problems in Hong Kong as in the United Kingdom.

Consequently the legislation of the United Kingdom Parliament and the decisions of the United Kingdom courts would provide some assistance in construing the Ordinance.

The result of the authorities was *that a perquisite included* money paid to the taxpayer and money expended in discharge of a debt of the taxpayer. There was no difference between a debt of the taxpayer discharged by an employer pursuant to the contract of service and money paid for the benefit of an *employee* by *his employer* pursuant to the contract of service.

It would be asburd if an employee engaged at £40,000 paid tax on that sum whereas an employee engaged at £35,000 plus a covenant to spend £5,000 for his benefit in the manner *specified in the service* agreement was only liable to tax on £35,000.

In both cases it could truly be said that the employee obtained a sum of £40,000 as a salary for his services.In the latter case it could also be said that the employee obtained a salary of £35,000 and a perquisite of £5,000. In both cases salaries tax was chargeable on £40,000.

The school fees might be *increased and if so the benefit to* the taxpayer would increase correspondingly. However the amount of the payment made by the company for the benefit of the taxpayer pursuant to his contract of service was ascertainable and taxable.

The employer might provide some advantages for an employee which did not involve the expenditure of money for the benefit of the employee, or which involved an expenditure which could not be attributed wholly or proportionately to one employee.

For example, if an employer contracted to provide a nursery school for the children of all its employees there was no or no identifiable sum expended for the benefit of any particular employee. If the legislature wished to tax that benefit only statute could provide for it.

Money might also be expended indirectly for the benefit of an employee without being taxable; for example, if a contract of service did not provide for medical expenses to be paid and the employer did not normally pay them, the employer might, for compassionate or other reasons, as a special case, voluntarily pay the medical expenses of a child of the employee.

The expense, if not contractual and if lacking the elements of expectation and continuity, would not be taxable. Again the legislature might provide expressly for such benefits to be taxed and define the quantum which should be taxed.

On the other hand legislation might also provide exemption for benefits which would otherwise be taxable. The boundaries of tax principles and tax legislation were sometimes uncertain and frequently surprising.

For present purposes it sufficed that an identifiable sum of money required to be expended by an employer, pursuant to a contract of service for the benefit of the employee, was money paid at the request of the employee and was either part of the employee's salary or was a monetary perquisite taxable as such according to the law and authorities of the UK.

It was money paid at the request of the employee equivalent to money paid to the employee.

Salaries and perquisites, expressions which had formed part of United Kingdom income tax law since at least 1842, had to have the same meaning in Hong Kong tax law, which was based on United Kingdom law, provided that the Hong Kong legislation did not attach different meanings to those expressions.

There was nothing in section 9 to suggest that the expressions "salary" and "perquisite" did not include sums contracted to be paid by the employer for the benefit of the employee.

If the Hong Kong legislation intended to achieve the result that only sums paid in cash to a taxpayer were taxable, the Ordinance would require different language to achieve such an absurd result.

The Court of Appeal felt inhibited from applying United Kingdom authorities to the Hong Kong definitions of salary and perquisites on account of *Attorney-General for Ontario v Perry* ([1934] AC 477) and *Armstrong v Estate Duty Commissioner* ([1937] AC 885).

However, expressions employed in British legislation and authorities on the meaning of *such expressions were of assistance* in construing identical expressions in Hong Kong legislation concerned with the same subject matter.

The Hong Kong legislation might provide to the contrary but in the present case perquisites not expressly exempted from salaries tax under the Hong Kong Ordinance were no different from perquisites not exempted from tax under the United Kingdom legislation.

Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be dismissed

Solicitors: Charles Russell; Williams & James; Macfarlanes.

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Public order section unconstitutional

Hector v Attorney-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Others

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths and Lord Ackner

[Judgment January 22]

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council held that section 33B of the Public Order Act 1972, inserted by the Public Order (Amendment) Act 1976, contravened the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda and had no effect to the extent that it made printing or distributing any false statement which was likely to undermine public confidence in the conduct of public affairs a criminal offence.

The Judicial Board of the Privy Council allowed an appeal by the appellant, Mr Leonard Hector, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Antigua and Barbuda) which had allowed an appeal by the respondents, the Attorney-General of Antigua and Barbuda, the Commissioner of Police and Mr Samuel Barzey, an additional magistrate, from the judgment of Mr Justice Matthew in the High Court of Antigua and Barbuda, who had declared that the appellant's constitutional rights had been contravened by the institution of criminal proceedings against him under section 33B and they should be quashed, and that that section was unconstitutional to the extent that it contained the words "or to undermine public confidence in the conduct of public affairs".

Section 3 of the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda provides that every person in Antigua and Barbuda is entitled to freedom of expression, including freedom of the Press, and section 12(1) provides:

"Except with his own consent, no person shall be hindered in the enjoyment of his freedom of expression".

Section 33B of the Public Order Act 1972 provides: "Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law any person who . . . *(b) prints or distributes any* false statement which is likely to cause fear or alarm in or to the public, or to disturb the public peace, or to undermine public confidence in the conduct of public affairs, shall be guilty of an offence. . . ".

Dr Fenton Ramsahoye, SC and Mr Sydney Christian (both of the Antigua and Barbuda Bar) for the appellant; Mr George Newman, QC and Mr Michael Lazarus for the respondents.

LORD BRIDGE said that the appellant was the editor of a newspaper published in Antigua known as the *Outlet*.

He was charged in respect of an article published therein in May 1985 with an offence under section 33B of the Public Order Act 1972. It was alleged that the article was a false statement which was likely to undermine public confidence in the conduct of public affairs.

The appellant challenged the prosecution on the ground that the specific provision of section 33B under which the charge was laid violated the Constitution.

In a free and democratic society it was almost too obvious to need stating that those who held office in government *and who were responsible for* public administration had always to be open to criticism. Any attempt to stifle or fetter such criticism amounted to political censorship of the most insidious and objectionable kind.

At the same time it was no less obvious that the very purpose of criticism levelled at those who had the conduct of public affairs by their political opponents was *to undermine public confidence* in their stewardship and to persuade the electorate that the opponents would make a better job of it than those presently holding office.

In the light of those considerations their Lordships could not help viewing a statutory *provision which criminalized* statements likely to undermine public confidence in the conduct of public affairs with the utmost suspicion.

It was urged for the respondents, in defence to any attack on the provision in question as amounting to political censorship, that it would always be a defence to a charge laid under that provision that the defendant had an honest belief on *reasonable grounds in the truth* of the statement which he had made, printed or distributed, and that it was unobjectionable to penalize false statements made without taking due care to verify their accuracy.

However, it would be a grave impediment to the freedom of the Press if those who *printed or* distributed matter reflecting critically on the conduct of public authorities could only do so with impunity if they could *first verify the accuracy of all* statements of fact on which the criticism was based.

The crucial issue was whether the provision could be justified under section 12(4)(a)(i) of the Constitution, which protected any law "to the extent that the law in question makes provision that is reasonably required in the interests of . . . public order".

The statements against which section 33B was *directed might* fall foul of the section on any one of three grounds: (i) that they were likely to cause fear or alarm in or to the public; (ii) that they were likely to disturb the public peace; or (iii) that they were likely to undermine public confidence in the conduct of *public affairs*.

In so far as it was necessary to make provision in the criminal law in the interests of public order against the dissemination of false statements likely to disrupt or disturb public order, the whole field was effectively covered by condemnation of statements which offended against the section on grounds (i) and (ii).

The words in section 33B "or to undermine public *confidence* in the conduct of public affairs" offended against the Constitution and could not therefore have any effect.

Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed and the order of Mr Justice Matthews restored.

Solicitors: Hallmark Atkinson Wynter; Charles Russell Williams & James.

Judicial discretion on Order 14 interest rates

Putty v Barnard

Before Judge Goldblatt

[Judgment December 15]

While it was open to a plaintiff to secure judgment in an action for negligence causing death or *personal injury by way of sum*mary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, where liability was admitted, with damages to be assessed, and while whatever residual discretion that remained to the judge would very rarely allow him to refuse judgment, there nevertheless remained a discretion which allowed the judge to grant such order as ensured that the defendant would not be liable under the Judgments Act 1838 to interest on damages at the commercial rate on sums eventually awarded running from the date of the Order 14 judgment.

Judge Goldblatt so held when, sitting as a judge of the Queen's *Bench Division, he allowed* the appeal of the plaintiffs against the refusal of the master to grant interlocutory judgment under Order 14.

Mr Timothy Briden for the plaintiffs; Mr Stephen Stewart for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said the plaintiffs sought summary judgment – liability was not disputed – with the quantum of damages to be assessed in a subsequent hearing.

By so doing the plaintiffs asserted that, following the decision in *Hunt v R. M. Douglas Roofing Ltd* ([1988] 3 WLR 975), they were entitled to an order which would give them interest at the commercial rate, now 15 per cent, pursuant to section 17 of the Judgment Act 1838, on the damages on which interest was chargeable as from the date of the Order 14 judgment.

In *European Asian Bank v Punjab & Sindh* ([1983] 1 WLR 642) Lord Justice Robert Goff had said that there was no special principle governing the exercise of judicial discretion in relation to judgments under Order 14.

It was covered by those principles governing general interlocutory judgments and was therefore of the most residual kind and would not in any event allow the court to refuse judgment.

However, his Lordship said, there remained a discretion as to the form in which the order was set. Mr Stewart had argued that if judgment carrying interest at the commercial rate were awarded in such cases there would be a strong incentive for defendants to raise defences no matter how *spurious, because it* was to their advantage to prevent interest running at the higher rate during the interval between the Order 14 judgment and the eventual hearing.

The words of Order 14 echoed those of Order 27, rule 3 that the court might "may give such *judgment or make such order* . . . as it thinks just".

It followed therefore that as with Order 27, rule 3 in Order 14, rule 3 there was a discretion over and above that to which Lord Justice Goff had adverted in the *European Bank* case.

The court had to have regard to the declared policy on Order 14 and the impact that the way decisions went had on litigants. The court should do nothing to *encourage* parties to raise unreal issues in proceedings and should not put a party in a position where just by procedural delays there was a financial advantage to be had.

His Lordship did have a wider discretion by which he could give a declaratory judgment or make an order in some other form which would not bring Order 14 judgments within the terms of section 17 of the Judgments Act 1838.

It was a matter of what the justice of the case required.

Solicitors, Edward Son & Noise; Geoffrey Warhurst & Co, Manchester.

Local knowledge risk

Bowman v DPP

Magistrates had to be extremely *circumspect* when using local knowledge and it was always wise for the court to make the fact known to both prosecution and defence that local knowledge was being relied upon.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan) so stated on January 17 in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated brought by the defendant, Robert James Bowman, against the decision of the Portsmouth Justices on June 13, 1989 to convict him of driving a motor vehicle on a public place, namely *Paradise Street Car* Park, after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in his breath exceeded the prescribed limit, contrary to section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981.

The justices did not accept the defence submission that the car park which was a National Car Park was not a public place in the early hours of the morning.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that while it was established that justices were entitled to use local knowledge when weighing up the evidence it was always wise for the court to make that fact known to the defence and prosecution to give the legal representatives an opportunity of commenting on the knowledge which the justies claimed to have had and claimed to use.

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The list they all need to read

Which firms are the greatest in the land? Edward Fennell considers the importance of being listed in the top 15

In public, most corporate lawyers these days affect a lofty indifference to the various league tables which list their size and activities. In private, however, we know they read them obsessively for secret pain or pleasure.

You can do virtually anything with a list, however, and this elasticity stung me recently with the publication by *Acquisitions Monthly* of its table of the liveliest firms in the takeover sector. Running from Linklaters & Paines in top position to Nabarro Nathanson at number 15, it included most of the familiar big city names — although it must be said that when compared with the *Legal 500*'s listing by size, Richards Butler and Wilde Sapte were conspicuous by their absence.

What was striking was the various ways in which the list could be interpreted. If one analysed the figures first by the number of deals, then by the total size of the deals and finally by the average size of each deal, one came out with different ranking results each time.

What was absolutely clear, however, was that three firms in particular — Linklaters, Herbert Smith and Freshfields — had done superbly well. All three could claim a large number of very big transactions. In terms of both quality and quantity, they were clearly ahead of the rest. By contrast, Clifford Chance and Slaughter & May — usually considered the two most significant firms in London alongside Linklaters — had a large number of medium-size jobs to their credit. The average Linklaters transaction, for example, was roughly five times the size of Clifford Chance's.

One of the many fascinating issues arising from this, however, is exactly how Linklaters can stand the pressure of doing 27 important deals in one year. But, as David Cheyne, a Linklaters partner, explained, there is no question that along with legal expertise, it is good frontline management skills that are the vital ingredient, particularly when two takeovers and a large flotation could easily be in progress at the same time.

Linklaters says that with so much happening, it is vital that there be one person at the centre of each deal, holding it together. The chances are that many different departments will be involved over the course of the whole transaction, so the battle is passed from one to another as the deal unfolds. Good organization is therefore critical. And to back it up, a corporate partner should be clearly identified as being in touch with the transaction from start to finish.

Law firms work best as "ad hocracies", however, working within a general system but essentially "busking it" as the transaction goes along. But underlying that informality, there must be confidence that each department will do its job on time.

JAMES GRAY

David Cheyne, a Linklaters partner: frontline management skills vital

Cheyne says: "It is neither efficient nor sensible for me to *intervene in something that depends* on someone else's expertise. But I must be assured that it is being well-handled."

At one stage last year, for example, Cheyne was deeply embroiled in one transaction that took him to Dublin from Saturday to Monday, then had him fighting over at the Take-Over Panel for the rest of the week. Meanwhile, he was relying on his colleagues not to let him down on other deals during that period.

"Fortunately, you'll find that *things can go quiet for a week or two* even on the biggest deals," Cheyne says. "It is breaks such as that which you need to catch up on what else is happening and to prevent the pressure becoming intolerable."

Even so, for Cheyne and some of his colleagues, 1989 was a long story of 16-hour days and a succession of weekends at work. "And frankly if you get more than four weeks of that without a break, the danger is that your efficiency will lessen," he says. If you want to know the top 15 takeover experts, here, courtesy of *Acquisitions Monthly*, is the list: Linklaters, Herbert Smith, Freshfields, Simmons & Simmons, S.J. Berwin, Clifford Chance, Slaughter & May, Norton Rose, Gouldens, Ashurst Morris Crisp, Travers Smith Braithwaite, Lovell White Durrant, Alan & Overy, McKenna & Co, Nabarro Nathanson.

Slow train running: how to get compensation on the Tunnel line

Now that the Channel Tunnel project, with the help of the bankers, is back on course, the subject of compensation for those affected by the development will be back in the spotlight.

On usual principles, under the Land Compensation Act 1973, you can recover cash from an undertaker of public works, not just when you are right in the line of fire and are bought out, but when your home loses value from noise or vibration caused by the project.

The developments covered by the Act include new roads, airports or other activities such as the Channel Tunnel. In fact, so few new railways have been developed in the *20th century* that it has rarely been an issue.

Tens of thousands of people by the track in Kent and London may have claims against British Rail and Eurorail, going possibly into five figures. The potential payout may exceed £100 million.

Already, via compulsory purchase, British Rail has hit on a commercial plan to cut its losses.

It aims to buy out any volunteers within 200 metres either side of the link, including those who are not directly in the way — many more than they need — and sell off the new stock to the highest bidders. But their liability goes further.

British Rail accepts that liability and, as one of its leaflets explains, "the law requires that compensation is paid for houses reduced in value due to the running of a project like a rail link. Provision is made by us for compensation for reductions in value due to factors like noise from trains using the link. In general, compensation cannot be assessed until the line has been working for one year."

However, the problem is that once the possibility arises of a large development such as the Channel Tunnel, the market fears the worst. As rumour *spreads, property prices* locally may be depressed for a period, but the contractor is not legally expected to pay householders for losses because of contagious talk or over-wary estate agents. Even so, the Act is clear. The test for recoverable loss is loss in value as at one year from the opening day. Thus, you cannot recover compensation for inconvenience and lost value brought on in the building phase.

Claims must be for more than £50, and though several heads of potential "effects" giving rise to claims are set out, including noise, vibration, smell, fumes and smoke, *you cannot get automatic* compensation where you can already sue for nuisance.

Nuisance suits, however, are ruled out in projects expressly set up by statute, and claims from a homeowner, contested by an operator, will go to the Lands Tribunal to be fought out by lawyers.

In response, British Rail and/or Eurorail may decide to treat claims in clusters and apply norms for compensation, judged by the distance from the track and the decibel levels.

Amounts, in their view, should hinge on where you are. People in a road may want *to challenge the norm for the* road. As a result, we may see class actions, test cases at the tribunal brought by leading local spokesmen or, even, cases brought to attack the internal rules of the operators' compensation units. Lawyers may push for disclosure of secret documents spelling out the rules.

It is only when these cases reach the tribunal that we may finally clarify the basis for valuing all claims because claims decided there also provide in later judicial terms the best new evidence of the local property market.

If one householder in a road is in a hurry to settle soon for what he or she can, even if it is less than ideal, he may be unpopular with his neighbours because his claim, once resolved at the tribunal, is a marker for all the other claims.

Potentially, it will all be a new source of lucrative business for surveyors in the late 1990s. But the rail links, of course, have first to be built.

Robert Silver

● *The author is a barrister and journalist.*

INNS AND OUTS

A study published this month by Susan Edwards, of the School of Law at the University of Buckingham, and Carol Gould and Ann Halpern, of the Council of Legal Education, on the operation of the "clean break" principle in divorce proceedings confirms what every family lawyer knows — that a large proportion of periodical payments orders made after divorce are low in value and often in arrears. The authors of the study found that in inner London in 1988, 72 per cent of live orders for maintenance had at some time been in arrears, and many of these involved sums over £1,000. They also found that 69 per cent of maintenance orders for spouses were for sums of £7 a week or less (including orders for nominal sums).

Though Mrs Thatcher is in favour of measures that would force fathers to pay up, the findings of the study prompt the authors to question whether some of these orders are worth making at all. The report asks whether it would not be better for policy makers to earmark resources for the provision of childcare facilities that would free single mothers to go out to work, rather than awarding and enforcing orders for payments unlikely to be made. As the authors point out, much has been made of the tax breaks available to employers who provide childcare facilities, but parents are still taxed on payments for such benefits. The Government, meanwhile, has set its face against the funding of state nurseries.

The international shipping and finance boutique Watson, Farley & Williams has scored a coup. It is the first UK firm to bring in American lawyers as partners. The seven shipping specialists, previously with New York firm Burlingham Underwood & Lord will operate out of the firm's new New York office. The attorneys are full members of Farley's international partnership, which stands distinct from the London partnership. That ensures that the firm complies with the Law Society's ban on sharing profits with non-solicitors, although the society's growing approval of partnerships with foreign lawyers eased the deal.

Union Carbide may think that its settlement with the Indian government, in which it paid $470 million in compensation to victims of the Bhopal disaster, is the end of the matter. But the California-based Bhopal Justice Campaign is still pushing for a trial in the United States. It argues that the 260,000 victims need a minimum of $4.6 billion for health care, and that had the case been tried in the US they could have received up to $35 billion. Instead, according to one lawyer, though some families have received around $200, most have received nothing because the $470 million seems to be disappearing into go-betweens' pockets. BJC says there is still some hope in that the Indian Supreme Court has held up its approval of the settlement, and, since Rajiv Gandhi's resignation as prime minister, the whole issue could be re-opened. Ghandi's successor, V.P. Singh, has declared that his government will support the call for a review of the settlement. UC claims that the agreed settlement is binding but Singh argues that the old government had no authority to make a settlement that extinguished all the rights of the victims.

The United States-based *National Law Journal* recently set out to gather statistical information on how the growing numbers of women entering the legal profession were assimilating into their firms. The results show they are finding it tough. Of the 1,000 women in large corporate law firms surveyed, more than 60 per cent had experienced unwanted sexual attention of some kind at work. Sixty-four per cent of the respondents reported that opportunities were better for men in firm management and 50 per cent said interviewers directly or indirectly questioned their commitment to a full-time legal career. Forty per cent indicated that women who take the normal amount of maternity leave face slowed or stopped paths to partnership. Most expressed frustration with the profession's inability to endorse anything other than an "all-or-nothing" approach to practice.

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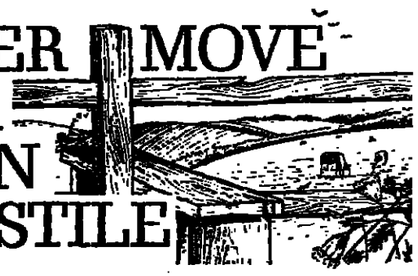

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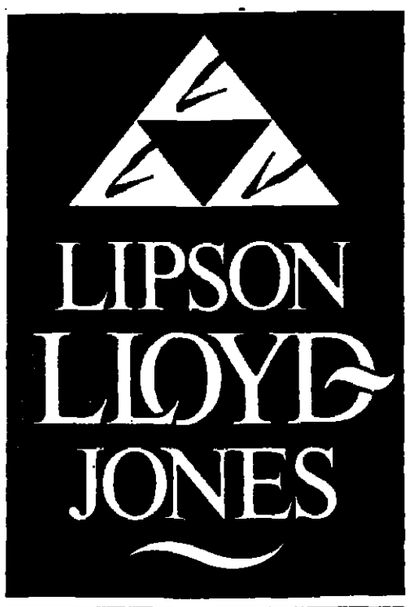

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RUGBY UNION: BUZZA MOVES TO B TEAM AS ENGLAND MAKE ONLY ONE CHANGE IN FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP SQUAD FOR FRANCE

French connection makes Teague the No.6 front-runner

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

England have named, with one exception, an unchanged match squad of 21 to travel to France for the five nations' championship match at Parc des Princes on February 3. But, sensibly giving themselves time to reflect upon the events of the weekend, the selectors will not announce the XV to play until later this week.

After beating Ireland 23-0 there is no prospect of great change but Alan Buzza, a replacement last Saturday, has been asked to make his first appearance for the B team which will play France at the Jean Bouin Stadium three hours before the seniors play in the main stadium next door. Therefore Francis Clough, the Wasps centre who has won four caps, has been brought into the senior party to offer additional cover in the back division.

There is, I imagine, no question of change among the backs; the only area of contention is the back row now that Mike Teague is regarded as fully fit once more. Against the Irish the back row did not work so well as a unit to justify automatic retention and in any case, Mickey Skinner doubtless appreciates that, but for injury, Teague would have been front runner for the No. 6 position.

I doubt if there is any question of Teague being brought in at No. 8, where David Egerton, apart from scoring his try, played quite well enough and has sufficient height to offer an alternative lineout target against the French. But his strength and, better still, his body position favour Teague at blind-side flanker, as well as his substantial knowledge of the French gained not only in championship rugby but in South Africa last year when he was part of the international touring team captained by Pierre Berbizier, the French scrum half.

Moreover Teague played alongside Laurent Rodriguez, the French No. 8, and can bring first-hand experience (if any more were needed) of his methods. While it might be deemed invidious to change a XV which won so well, therein lies the art of good selection for a match which will present far greater difficulty than did Ireland.

"We just want to have a bit more time to look at our own game and see the whole version of the Wales-France match," Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said. He has already been reassured by what he has seen on video of England's performance and is unlikely to leave it until the weekend (England will train together on Sunday) before confirming the team.

Apart from Buzza the only new B cap named yesterday is Jamie Fallon, the Richmond wing who played his first season of divisional rugby last month. Fallon, from Teignmouth, has indicated both for club and division that he knows the most direct route to the try-line and he will have inside him the experience of three senior internationals, Barley, Buckton and Morris.

Andy Mullins, the Harlequins tight-head prop, is the only senior cap in the pack since there is a limitation of four full internationals for the respective XVs. Dean Ryan reappears at No. 8, hoping that he will have thrown off all doubt about his recently broken arm by playing for Wasps in their Pilkington Cup match against Gloucester this weekend.

Graham Childs, the Northern centre, appears among the replacements where Marcus Hannaford, the Gloucester scrum half, also makes a welcome return. Hannaford went on the England B tour to Italy in 1986 but suffered a series of injuries the following year which set back his representative career.

Squads

ENGLAND (v France, February 3): S D Hodgkinson (Nottingham), R Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), S J Halliday (Bath), F C Clough (Wasps), M D Bailey (Wasps), C R Andrew (Wasps), R J Hill (Bath), S M Bates (Wasps), P A G Rendall (Wasps), B C Moore (Nottingham), C J Olver (Harlequins), J A Probyn (Wasps), M S Linnett (Moseley), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P J Ackford (Harlequins), M J Skinner (Harlequins), M C Teague (Gloucester), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins), D W Egerton (Bath).

ENGLAND B (v France B, February 3): A Buzza (Wasps); J Fallon (Richmond), B Barley (Wakefield), J Buckton (Saracens), N Heslop (Orrell); D Pears (Harlequins), D Morris (Liverpool St Helens); J Leonard (Saracens), N Hitchen (Orrell), A Mullins (Harlequins), P Tayler (Rosslyn Park), D Baldwin (Sale), S O'Leary (Wasps), D Pegler (Wasps, captain), D Ryan (Wasps). Replacements: G Childs (Northern), P Hull (Bristol), M Hannaford (Gloucester), V Ubogu (Bath), K Dunn (Gloucester), T Rodber (Northampton).

Lenihan's return may cause problems

By George Ace

Changes are likely to be no more than minimal when the Ireland team to meet Scotland at Landsdowne Road on Saturday week is named later today.

Outside half, centre, prop forward and a lock will be the areas that will have occupied the selectors most at last night's meeting. But a win is of the utmost importance both to the coach and the team, Ireland having conceded 81 points in their last three internationals against Scotland, New Zealand and England.

There will be a lot of talk with next year's World Cup almost certainly on the agenda. But Ireland have a four-week break after the February game before travelling to Paris. What happens on Saturday week will be poured into the pot and a new brew may emerge for the game against France.

The trouble at the moment is that Ireland are beginning to run out of meaningful games before next year's World Cup gets under way. No progress has been made since the below par showing in the inaugural World Cup in Australasia in 1987.

A captain for the World Cup is one of the most pressing problems. Willie Anderson, the current inspirational leader, will have said farewell to his 36th birthday by then and cannot realistically be expected to be in contention.

There is, however, a growing feeling at selection level that the best equipped player for the job as captain is the number two scrum half, Michael Bradley.

The Constitution man won his first cap against Australia in 1984 and has made 22 international appearances since, including four in the World Cup, until losing out to Fergus Aherne in the Millenium international against England at the end of the 1988 season.

Bradley's pass was the weak link in his game but he has worked hard on it and in the recent trial Brian Smith had no difficulty in getting on the end of Bradley's delivery from the base of the scrum.

Aherne would be deemed in many quarters as being unlucky if he is omitted. But if the selectors decide the future is more important than the present then Bradley may well be their man.

Donald Lenihan, absent through injury on Saturday after 43 consecutive international appearances, must come into contention. But who goes if he is included? Francis had a fine game and the other lock is Anderson. It is difficult to see Anderson being left out for this match and it would be almost criminal to drop Francis. Therein lies the problem.

There will be changes in the front row. It was right to blood the inexperienced Halpin; now it is right to put him on ice until next season. Des Fitzgerald could move across and Popplewell or Clancy could take over at loose head. McDonald will be retained as hooker for the injured Steve Smith and Murphy will almost certainly win his second cap at full back.

Russell is a much better player than he showed at Twickenham but the odds are short that Brian Smith will be recalled.

The deliberations of the selectors will make for interesting reading.

Sent to Coventry: Alex Wyllie, the All Blacks coach, at Coundon Road yesterday

Wyllie coaching stint shows Coventry's forward thinking

By Michael Austin

Alex Wyllie, an unsmiling giant among coaches, will suit Coventry, the club he is nurturing for the next five weeks, perfectly — judging by his formal introduction at Coundon Road yesterday to a club with an equally down-to-earth attitude based on forward dominance.

Coventry have failed to scale the pinnacles of yesteryear and, ironically, that factor swung Wyllie, coach to the world champions, New Zealand, to accept a challenge which Eric Blackburn, the club chairman, says is not costing them a penny.

Wyllie paid his own air fare for a holiday, and with hospitality in the Coventry area and help from Pengeot, the club sponsors, Coventry showed a sense of enterprise and commercial acumen not usually associated with them.

Wyllie's visit is geared most of all to a promotion tilt, beginning with the game against Northampton, the leaders, at Franklin's Gardens on March 10 — a fortnight after he returns home.

Coventry were the English champions way back in 1974. Last season was their worst for 87 years and this winter they have managed only 11 wins from 24 games. But the sleeping giant is stirring, with five victories and a draw from their past six matches in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Last Sunday Wyllie watched Coventry win 17-9 in a quagmire at Newbridge, but he was an unexpected spectator last Thursday at a coaching session only hours after flying in. He was jet-lagged but eager to get to grips with his open brief. Coventry were highly impressed.

Wyllie, aged 45, a sheep and crop farmer, is an action man of few words. A tracksuit fits him much more comfortably than a pinstripe, and match floodlights suit him better than those from television companies. He had both yesterday, with an evening training session following a quizzing, during which it was suggested he might be on a spying mission for next year's World Cup.

"I anticipate the challenge of coaching Coventry. I feel I have something to help them and perhaps I will learn just as much. I opted for a second division club because Coventry are in a position to take more in, rather than a club already at the top," he said. Coventry sold themselves to Wyllie during the All Blacks' tour of Wales and Ireland last autumn, through the efforts of Blackburn and Jim Stewart, their sponsorship officer, who is more famous for hitting 17 sixes in a county championship cricket match for Warwickshire against Lancashire at Blackpool in 1959.

Tony Hunt, the playing administrator and coach of Coventry, said: "Alex has instant credibility with our players. He possesses a simple, clear concept of the game.

"We cannot fail to learn from him at coaching as well as playing level."

Wyllie will coach Coventry three times a week, including a special session with the colts, who are beaten only twice in 22 games this season.

He will have no official position on the club's selection panel, but will find eager listeners. After watching England beat Ireland at Twickenham last Saturday, Wyllie was not especially impressed.

"Perhaps England might run the ball earlier next time," was his curt comment. "Then we will see what they can really do."

Underwood's appearances to be limited

Rory Underwood, England's record try-scorer and the most capped wing, has an ally in his quest to retain sharpness during the five nations' championship, with the Royal Air Force deciding to play him in only six of their 13 games this season (Michael Austin writes).

Wing Commander Jeff Young, the former Harrogate, Wales and British Isles hooker, who is the chairman of the RAF selectors, has a programme for Underwood, a flight lieutenant, who scored his nineteenth try in 35 internationals for England against Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday.

Underwood will play in two inter-services matches, against the Royal Navy on March 24 and the Army the following week, but otherwise he will appear only against Cambridge University tomorrow, Rugby, Roundhay and Clifton.

Air Commodore Richard Elwig, the RAF chairman, said: "We are limiting Rory's appearances after considering his international commitments and duties as a pilot."

Clarke is rewarded for divisional title form

By David Hands

Ben Clarke, the Saracens No. 8, who enjoyed such a distinguished divisional championship with London last month, will pull on an England shirt this season, if only in the student international. Clarke was yesterday named at No. 8 in the England Students XV which will play French Students at Verdun on February 2.

The English students will be led from scrum half by Rupert Moon, an under-21 international last season. The XV includes two B internationals in de Glanville and Hackney, and Holmes and Pool-Jones, the flankers who did so much to help Cambridge beat Oxford.

Tim Swann, who spent the summer in Australia, comes in at lock, and Clarke and Holmes displace Glenn Taylor and Eric Peters, the Loughborough pair who played against the Soviets last month.

TEAM: I Hunter (Leicester Polytechnic); A Parton (Loughborough University), P de Glanville (Durham University), R MacNaughton (Liverpool University), S Hackney (Loughborough University); M Strett (Liverpool Polytechnic), R Moon (Polytechnic of Wales, capt); G Baldwin (Loughborough University), R Taylor (Nottingham Polytechnic), R Wareham (Loughborough University), R Pool-Jones (Cambridge University), T Swann (Liverpool University), S Shortland (Leeds Polytechnic), S Holmes (Cambridge University), B Clarke (Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester). Replacements: M Appleson (West London IHE), G Gregory (Sheffield University), A Kardooni (Leicester University), C Atkins (Leeds University), D Hinkins (Coll of St Paul and St Mary, Cheltenham), A Robertson (Cambridge University).

● Loughborough, the holders, play Sheffield tomorrow in the Commercial Union UAU challenge round.

DRAW: Brunel v Aberystwyth; Imperial v Swansea; Newcastle v Sussex; Birmingham v Bristol; Manchester v Durham; Cardiff v Bath; Exeter v Nottingham; Loughborough v Sheffield.

Byrom target

Richard Byrom, the Nottingham rugby union wing, who broke an ankle when playing against London Irish 10 days ago, has set himself the target of being fit for the final Courage Clubs Championship match of the season against Gloucester at Beeston on April 28.

RACING

Shades of National glory days recalled

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

Shades of past Grand National glories were recalled yesterday when Spartan Missile's half-brother, John's Birthday, made a promising debut in the first division of the Cottesmore Novices' Chase at Leicester.

Watched by Wendy, the widow of that great Corinthian, John Thorne, and his daughter, Diana Henderson, the trainer's wife, John's Birthday and John White finished third to Mark Pitman on the 5-2 on favourite Cash Is King after jumping upsides at the third fence from home.

"That was a pretty good effort for an eight-year-old making his first appearance on a racecourse," said Henderon. "He won a point-to-point two seasons ago but had leg problems last year so has only been hunting since then. He's the last of the breed and it would be wonderful if he turned out to be a good horse."

John's Birthday will now be trained for the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham, a race his mother, Polaris Missile, won in 1966.

It was in 1981 that the 54-year-old Thorne, later to be killed in a point-to-point accident, rode Spartan Missile into second place behind Bob Champion on Aldaniti in the National. That outstanding chaser also numbered three Foxhunter Challenge Cups, one at Cheltenham and two at Aintree, among his victories. John's Birthday received his name because he was born on the same day as his breeder.

Cash Is King, now undefeated in three races over hurdles and fences this season, gave in-form Jenny Pitman her 42nd winner of the campaign.

"He'll be entered for the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham," said Ian Williams, one her assistants. "But he's got to learn to jump better than he did today and previously at Plumpton."

Henderson went on to gain quick compensation for the defeat of John's Birthday when Pendennis beat Western Legend in the second division of the novice chase.

This was a marvellous battle between Richard Dunwoody, on the winner, and Tom Morgan, on the runner-up. Neither man gave any quarter before Dunwoody drove the winner home by 1½ lengths.

Only last Friday, Pendennis had fallen at the fifth fence in a similar race at Kempton. "He jumped the first four perfectly but went at the next like a bull," said Henderson. "He was so well in himself that we brought him on here. He'll make a pretty decent horse and needs a trip."

In the Croxton Park Novices' Hurdle a substantial gamble was landed when Lissahane Lass, backed from 7-4 to 6-5, stormed home by eight lengths in the hands of Mark Richards.

Afterwards Peter Hedger, the winning trainer, said: "She's a decent mare but we won't run her in the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle as it's such a rough-and-tumble affair. We'll probably keep her in reserve for the four-year-olds' race at Liverpool."

A likely candidate for Cheltenham, however, was seen when Brabazon followed up a recent Market Rasen win when beating Invasion by two lengths in the Stonesby Novices' Hurdle.

Steve Smith Eccles was seen at his forceful best on the 5-4 on favourite, who is trained by Mark Tompkins. The Sun Alliance Hurdle is Brabazon's probable festival target.

A marvellous feast of racing is in store at Cheltenham on Saturday with Celtic Shot, Sabin Du Loir and Waterloo Boy all among the six declared for the Arlington Premier Series Chase Final. A convincing performance by Celtic Shot would see a drastic reduction in the 1988 champion hurdler's odds for the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Maid Of Money is among the seven declared for the Charterhouse Mercamile Chase Slalom, declared for both this race and the Bishops Cleeve Hurdle, will take on the champion hurdler, Beech Road in the hurdle race.

Cheltenham entries

CHARTERHOUSE MERCANTILE CHASE (3m 1f): Bigsun, Maid Of Money, Rymer King, Sandicliffe Boy, Slalom, Toby Tobias, Travel Over.

BISHOPS CLEEVE HURDLE (2m 4f): Beech Road, James My Boy, Propam, Slalom, Strokestown Lad, Tel-Echo.

ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE FINAL (2m 4f): Blazing Walker, Celtic Shot, Man O'Magic, Midnight Train, Sabin Du Loir, Waterloo Boy.

Rustle to miss entire season

Rustle, last season's champion staying hurdler, who was prevented by a leg injury from making his debut over fences at Kempton on Boxing Day, will not run this season.

"The leg's taking time to come right," Nicky Henderson said yesterday. "So, as he's such an outstanding chasing prospect, we've decided to rest him until next season."

Manton report is unconfirmed

No confirmation could be received yesterday of a report that Richard Hannon and Nicky Henderson are to join Barry Hills in a three-trainer complex at Manton, Robert Sangster's 2,300-acre estate outside Marlborough (Michael Seely writes).

Hills was not available for comment but, speaking on behalf of Sangster's Isle of Man office, Mark Glyer said: "As far as we are concerned there is no truth in this."

At Leicester, Henderson denied emphatically that he was moving from Lambourn. And speaking from Barbados, Jo Hannon, the trainer's wife, said: "There's no truth in this. We're certainly not moving from East Everleigh."

HOCKEY

Little change for Irish cup squad

By Sydney Friskin

After playing two matches against France at Amiens at the weekend, Ireland announced their team, which is to be led by Martin Sloan, of Cookstown, for the World Cup, which begins in Lahore on February 12.

Unlike England, who announced their team a couple of months ago, Ireland made every player compete for a place at Amiens, where, from a squad of 20, Neil Cooke, Lamour, Hollway and Scott were dropped. The effect is that Ireland have made only one change from the side which finished fifth in the qualifying tournament.

On Sunday, Ireland recovered to beat France 3-1 after Clement had scored in the tenth minute for France. Kirkwood, from a short corner, Canning and McConnell, from a short corner replied for Ireland. The match on Saturday was won 1-0 by France.

IRISH SQUAD: P Shier (Limerick PYMA), B McCabe (Monkstown), S Martin (Holywood), W McConnell (Holywood), J McKee (Holywood), I Morris (Lisnagarvey), G Burns (Cork C of I), J Kirkwood (Lisnagarvey), M Sloan (Cookstown, capt), S Filgas (Avoca), M Burns (Holywood), L Canning (Three Rock Rovers), P Cooke (Mossley), K Morris (Holywood), B Welch, K Empey (Cork C of I).

● England's first match against Ireland, in group B of the World Cup, will be played on February 12 on the main artificial turf pitch inside the stadium and not on the extra pitch outside. The match schedule has been revised by moving all pool matches into the main stadium. Some classification matches starting on February 21 will be played on the outside pitch as previously arranged.

MATCH PROGRAMME: February 12: Ireland v England (12.30pm); February 13: Pakistan v Ireland (3pm); February 14: England v Canada (1pm); February 15: Spain v England (1pm); February 16: Ireland v W Germany (9am). February 17: Spain v Ireland (9am). Pakistan v England (1pm). February 18: England v W Germany (1pm). February 19: Ireland v Canada (9am).

● The 1991 European championship will be held in Paris from June 12 to 23.

EQUESTRIANISM

Gifford set for course in eventing

By Jenny MacArthur

Kristina Gifford, the daughter of Josh Gifford, the National Hunt trainer, has been awarded the Range Rover team's Young Rider residential eventing scholarship for 1990. Gifford, aged 19, will move to Gatcombe Park at the end of February to begin her six-month course with the Range Rover team.

"It's a marvellous opportunity and I can't wait to get started," Gifford said.

The scholarship comes after three outstanding years for Gifford, which have included the team gold medal on Song And Dance Man, in the 1987 European junior three-day event championship, the individual bronze and team gold on Smithstown Lad, in the 1988 junior European championships, and the team silver medal, again on Smithstown Lad, at the 1989 Young Riders European championship. At the Punchestown three-day event in Ireland last year, she finished eleventh.

ICE HOCKEY

Play-off places in top clubs' sights

By Norman de Mesquita

With two-thirds of the regular season completed, clubs in both divisions of the Heineken League are thinking about play-off positions.

Cardiff Devils, Murrayfield Racers and Durham Wasps seem assured of places in the top six of the premier division. The Devils maintained their position at the head of the table with a comfortable win over Whitley Warriors.

For the Warriors, it was a club-record tenth successive defeat, in contrast to the Racers, who, with weekend wins over Ayr Raiders and Fife Flyers, took their unbeaten run to 17 cup and league matches.

Scott Neil had a productive weekend for the Racers with 11 points, to take him into eighth place in the individual scoring table. Rick Fera, second behind Steve Moria, of Cardiff, has now scored 100 premier division points for the fifth time.

Nottingham Panthers, with Keith Stewart having settled down as their third import, beat the Wasps on Saturday in a contest between two well-coached teams, which featured good goaltending for the Wasps by Chris Salem.

John Ollson, making his first appearance for the Wasps, tired but scored four points in the win over Peterborough Pirates on Sunday.

In division one, Slough Jets took their winning run to 11 matches and have a four-point lead at the head of the table.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Raiders 5, Murrayfield Racers 9; Fife Flyers 7, Solihull Barons 13; Nottingham Panthers 6, Durham Wasps 2; Murrayfield Racers 12, Fife Flyers 7; Peterborough Pirates 7, Durham Wasps 9; Whitley Warriors 2, Cardiff Devils 6. First division: Slough Jets 7, Streatham Redskins 4; Swindon Wildcats 9, Trafford Metros 9; Telford Tigers 5, Medway Bears 9; Lea Valley Lions 3, Humberside Seahawks 14; Streatham Redskins 12, Telford Tigers 7; Trafford Metros 5, Cleveland Bombers 4. ICY SMITH CUP: First round, second leg: Cardiff Devils 10, Peterborough Pirates 4. (Cardiff win 18-6 on agg). Second round, first leg: Solihull Barons 4, Nottingham Panthers 6.
AUTUMN TROPHY: Final, first leg: Humberside Seahawks 15, Bracknell Bees 9.

BASKETBALL

Bury stand out as NBL closes gap

By Julian Desborough

The gap in talent that has existed between the National Basketball League and the Carlsberg League, since the former's inception three years ago, has diminished to the point where the NBL can now compete on equal terms with its "premier" counterpart.

In the second round of the Coca-Cola National Cup, played at the weekend, the five leading NBL teams showed their mettle. Most impressive were the Brixton Topcats, who were beaten 94-92 by the Manchester Giants, and Bury Lobos, who pulled off an 86-81 victory over the Leicester Riders.

Brixton, leaders of NBL division one, could have wrested the tie from the Giants, last season's beaten cup finalists, as they led for much of the second half after trailing 44-45 at the interval. Then, an expensive technical foul was called on Jimmy Rogers, the coach of the Topcats, for arguing with the referee, after an incident between Jason Fogerty and Monty Henderson.

While Fogerty and Henderson were both called for fouls, Rogers's infringement cost Brixton four points — two free throws from Jerry Johnson, of Manchester, and the resulting possession leading to a further two on a Johnson lay-up. As it was, Dave Gardner's shot with 12 seconds remaining was enough to complete Manchester's escapology act.

Bury, placed fourth in the NBL, also led for most of the match behind the shooting of Terry Crosby, going in at half-time 58-37. Leicester, bottom of the Carlsberg League without andDave Harris and Jerry Jenkins, through injury, were able to peg back some of the deficit.

The Carlsberg League leaders, Kingston, without Joel Moore, found their away trip to Oldham no picnic and were limited to a 15-point margin.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Bury v Bracknell; Sunderland v Stockport; Derby v Solent; Kingston v Manchester. Ties to be played February 3 or 4.

TENNIS

Davis Cup veteran hits winning form with son

From a Special Correspondent, La Manga

Mark Cox, the former Davis Cup player, returned to competition yesterday, partnering Steven, his son, to win their opening match in the Remington Family tournament.

They outclassed John and David Hodges, of Cambridge, 6-1, 6-1, in 38 minutes to earn a meeting with Ray and David Booth, of Cheshire, the winners in 1985.

Peter and Simon Bentley, of Lincolnshire, were most impressive, dispatching James and James Wood, of Scotland, in just 46 minutes. Peter Bentley is the father of Sarah Bentley, the British junior indoor champion.

Terry Dyson, who made his name as a footballer in the Tottenham Hotspur team that won the double, helped Neil, his son, recover from 2-5 to defeat Graham and Michael Holden, of Dorset, 7-6, 6-2.

In the mother-and-daughter matches, Lyn and Lorraine Paterson (Sussex) took two hours and 20 minutes to defeat Christine Robson and Penny Goddard (Derby), and Jenny and Michelle Waggott (Warwickshire) took 12 minutes longer for a three-set win over Pauline and Sarah Longbottom, the Yorkshire pair.

RESULTS: Father and son: First round: M and S Cox (Surrey) bt J and D Hodges (Cambs), 6-1, 6-1; R and D Booth (Cheshire) bt A and P Johnston (Surrey), 6-4, 6-2; T and N Dyson (Middlesex) bt G and M Holden (Dorset), 7-6, 6-2; P and A Bretherton (Yorks) bt B Brown and G Baines (West Midlands), 6-1, 7-6; K and K Towick (Bucks) bt D and J Feaver (Kent), 6-4, 6-4; P and S Bentley (Lincs) bt J and J Woods (Scotland), 6-2, 6-1. Mother and daughter: First round: L and L Paterson (Sussex) bt C Robson and P Goddard (Derbyshire), 6-3, 4-6, 8-6; P and L Rogers (Suffolk) bt L and A Godfrey (Cambs), 6-2, 6-3; J and M Waggott (Warwicks) bt P and S Longbottom (Yorks), 6-3, 4-6, 9-7; T McKeag and C Smith (Northumberland) bt J and S Hayes (Dorset), 7-5, 6-2; B and N Entract (Dorset) bt A and Z Billingham (Middlesex), 6-0, 1-0 retired. A and C Patchey (Essex) bt L and N James (South Wales), 6-4, 6-2.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday January 27 unless stated

FA CUP FOURTH ROUND
X Barnsley v Ipswich
1 Blackpool v Torquay
X C Palace v Huddersfield
2 Hereford v Man U
(Pools panel verdict: playing Sunday)
2 Reading v Newcastle
2 Rochdale v Nthampton
1 Sheffield U v Watford
1 Southampton v Oxford
Not on coupons: Arsenal v QPR; Aston Villa v Port Vale; Bristol City v Chelsea; Millwall v Cambridge United; Norwich v Liverpool (Sunday); Oldham v Brighton; Sheffield Wednesday v Everton (Sunday); WBA v Charlton

SECOND DIVISION
Not on coupons: Blackburn v Stoke.

THIRD DIVISION
1 Bristol R v Bolton
(Pools panel verdict: playing Sunday)
1 Bury v Brentford
1 Leyton O v Walsall
1 Rotherham v Tranmere
Not on coupons: Birmingham v Shrewsbury; Cardiff v Mansfield; Chester v Swansea (Friday); Fulham v Crewe

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Gillingham v Hartlepool
X Grimsby v Carlisle
X Peterboro v Doncaster
1 Scarboro v Scunthorpe
X Southend v Aldershot
1 Stockport v Maidstone
Not on coupons: Exeter v Burnley; Halifax v Wrexham (Friday); York v Colchester

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
1 Altrincham v Yeovil
2 Cheltenham v Barnet
2 Farnborough v Telford
1 Fisher v Northwich
1 Kidderminster v Barrow
1 Merthyr v Chorley
1 Runcorn v Kettering
X Sutton U v Boston U
1 Welling v Stafford
X Wycombe v Macclesfield

HFS LOANS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
1 Buxton v Fleetwood
2 Caernarfon v B Auckland
1 Frickley v Bangor
1 Gainsboro v Stalybridge
X Goole v Marine
1 Hyde v Morecambe
1 Matlock v Rhyl
2 Mossley v S Liverpool
1 Southport v Shepshed
1 Witton v Gateshead

BEAZER HOMES LGE PREMIER DIVISION
1 Dover v Gloucester
2 Gosport v Cambridge C

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Celtic v Motherwell
X Dundee v Hibernian
2 Dunfermline v Rangers
1 Hearts v Dundee U
2 St Mirren v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Clydebank
2 Alloa v Partick
1 Clyde v Raith
1 Hamilton v Forfar
1 Meadowbank v Albion
X Morton v Falkirk
1 St Johnstone v Ayr

SCOTTISH SECOND
1 Arbroath v Cowdenbth
1 Brechin v Berwick
2 East Fife v Stirling
1 Kilmarnock v Stranraer
1 Queen's Pk v Qn of Sth
X Stenhsmr v Dumbarton
Not on coupons: East Stirling v Montrose

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Barnsley, Crystal Palace, Grimsby, Peterborough, Southend, Sutton United, Wycombe, Goole, Dundee, Merton, Stenhousemuir. Next best: Farnborough.
BEST DRAWS: Peterborough, Sutton United, Wycombe, Dundee, Merton.
AWAYS: Newcastle, Northampton, South Liverpool, Cambridge City, Partick.
HOMES: Blackpool, Merthyr, Welling, Hyde, Matlock, Witton, Dover, Celtic, Hamilton, St Johnstone, Arbroath, Brechin.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Aston Villa, Oldham, Blackpool, Sheffield United, Celtic. Aways: Newcastle, Northampton, Cambridge United. Draws: Crystal Palace, Bristol City, Peterborough.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

B and Q Scottish League Second division
Dumbarton v East Fife

Leyland Daf Cup First round
Brentford v Reading (7.45)
Bristol City (7.45)
Shrewsbury v Exeter

Zenith Data Systems Cup Northern area semi-final
Middlesbrough v Newcastle

Southern area semi-final
Ipswich v Chelsea (7.45)

FA VASE: Fourth round replays: St Helens v Farsley Celtic; Spalding v Bourne.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bob Lord Trophy: Second round: Wycombe v Merthyr.
VAUXHALL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Fourth round: Wokingham v Carshalton. Premier division: Barking v Dagenham; Dulwich v Slough (7.45); Grays v Marlow (7.45). First division: Hitchin v Croydon; Walton and Hersham v Purfleet (7.45); Woking v Wembley. Second division north: Billericay v Finchley (7.45); Clapton v Tilbury. Second division south: Epsom and Ewell v Harefield.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Third round, first leg: Halesowen v Redditch. Fourth round, first leg: Waterlooville v Dartford. Southern division: Buckingham v Hastings.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Man City v Huddersfield (6.45); Postponed: Derby v Hull; Notts County v Coventry.

Second division: Preston v Rotherham (7.0); Wigan v Middlesbrough (7.0).
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton v Wimbledon (2.0); Portsmouth v Arsenal (7.0); QPR v Chelsea (2.0).
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Welton v Mangotsfield.

RUGBY UNION
HOSPITALS CUP: Second round: Guys v St Mary's (2.30); UCH-Middlesex v Royal Free (2.30). Club match: Exeter v Exeter University (7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE
SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Castleford v Hunslet (7.30).

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: Welsh indoor singles championship (Ogwr).
SNOOKER: World championship qualifying rounds (Blackpool).
SQUASH: Pimms Premier League: First division: (7.0): GP Superkings Abbeydale v Lambs; Village Leisure Hotels (Manchester) v Weir Systems Surrey; Leekes Welsh Wizards v Northern (Manchester).

SPORT ON TV

BOXING: Screensport 10-11.30pm: Professional event from the United States: Eurosport 1-2pm: Superbouts: Ali v Norton (II) from Las Vegas.
CURLING: Eurosport 12-1am (tomorrow): Highlights of the Moncton Skins tournament from New Brunswick, Canada.
CYCLING: 9.15-10.15pm: Highlights of the 1989 Melbourne amateur international.
EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8.30-9am.
EUROSPORT — WHAT A WEEK: Eurosport 6-7pm. Review of the week's sport.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 7-8.45am and 7.30-9.15pm: Spanish League: Barcelona v Valladolid and Atlético Madrid v Valencia.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 11.30am-1.30pm and 4-6pm, and Eurosport 2-4pm: National Hockey League: Game of the week.
INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 4-5pm: Motor sport news from around the world.
MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 9-10pm: Highlights of the 1989 Formula One and Motorcycling circuits: Screensport 10.15-11.15pm: Highlights of the 1989 French Porsche Turbo cup.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 3-4pm.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 1.30-3 and 6-7.30pm: French League and Cup qualifier.
SKIING: Eurosport 12-1pm and 11pm-midnight: World Cup: Highlights of the Women's giant slalom from Adelboden, Switzerland: Screensport 11.15-11.45pm: Highlights of the United States pro-tour from Heavenly Valley.
SKI JUMPING: Eurosport 7-8pm: Highlights of the World Cup from Zakopane, Hungary.
TENNIS: Eurosport 9-11am, 5-6 and 8-9pm: Highlights of the Australian Open from Flinders Park, Melbourne.
TENPIN BOWLING: Highlights of the 1990 Winter tour.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

Wigan plans

Wigan are planning to build a 2,000-seat stand and executive boxes at the scoreboard end of their Central Park stadium, already regarded as one of the best in rugby league.

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Formula One looks type to make his mark over fences

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

A double for the Ross-on-Wye trainer, John Edwards, and his stable jockey, Tom Morgan, looks on the cards at Chepstow today with **Formula One** (1.45) and **Sooner Still** (2.45).

In going nap on Formula One to win the Partridge Novices' Chase I am only too aware that he has not run this season or jumped a fence in public.

Also, there is the little matter of Chatam among the opposition. Over hurdles there would be no question about who would win at level weights because Chatam was rated 30lb superior. However, I firmly believe that the risk is worth taking.

The chasm that divides hurdlers and chasers is one that is not always bridged easily. Wrongly or rightly, I have always held the view that Chatam is one of those who could easily fail to cross the divide, even though he is trained by Martin Pipe.

In contrast, I have always had the feeling that Formula One was born to be a chaser and that anything he achieved over hurdles was a bonus. As it was he showed sufficient promise when jumping the smaller obstacles to suggest that he can excel today over a distance that clearly suits him on ground he loves.

Later in the programme, Sooner Still is taken to win the Ralph Morel Cup, even though he is the least experienced member of the 12-strong field. Watching him win by 15 lengths at Plumpton 13 days ago, one would never have guessed that he was having only his third race over fences.

John Edwards: fancied to land double at Chepstow

Twelve months ago the Grouse Novices' Hurdle was won by Rustic Comedy, from David Elsworth's successful dual-purpose outfit. Without being unkind to Rustic Comedy, though, no one could have described him as the sort likely to cut much ice in the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham.

However, **Lyphard's Candy**, Elsworth's runner in the corresponding race today, might just be a Cheltenham type and, indeed, he has already been nibbled at in the ante-post market for the Triumph Hurdle, for which he currently stands at third favourite in some lists.

A winner on the Flat in Ireland where he was trained by John Oxx, Lyphard's Candy was superior in that department to both Dark Desire and Malamute Saloon, who cost 30,000 guineas when he was sold out of Henry Cecil's stable in the autumn.

Well that Dark Desire won at Fontwell last week, I still prefer Lyphard's Candy who is reported to have been going well and jumping well in practice at Whitsbury.

His stable companion, Fanny Dillon, would not be a forlorn hope for the Clive Graham Trophy at her best. However, I still prefer David Barons's runner, **Just As Hopeful**, who will relish the soft ground.

When the successful jumps trainer, Josh Gifford, has a runner on the Flat it is most certainly the time to sit up and take notice. Those who did so at Lingfield earlier this month profited to the tune of 11-2 when **Daddy's Darling** won there.

On that occasion the five-year-old mare only just managed to hang on to her lead at the end of 1½ miles, having been clear of her rivals passing the two-furlong marker. In the circumstances the shorter distance of the Newport Handicap should suit her much better.

Philip Mitchell has bright prospects of landing a double with **Gentle Satin** (3.10) and **My Pal Popeye** (3.40). Both have shown that they can handle the Equitrack surface, My Pal Popeye particularly so.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 2.40 Final Harvest; 3.10 Castel Viscado.

Maintenance ideas welcomed by RCA

By George Rae

The Racecourse Association (RCA) yesterday supported the Jockey Club's recommendations on racecourse maintenance following the loss of last year's St Leger meeting, but expressed reservations over the report's criticisms of Pat Firth, the clerk of the course.

"The report was sound and the RCA welcomes the new proposals," spokesman Ian Pithers said yesterday. "One or two may prove problematical though, such as the need for detailed maps of drainage systems. Some courses simply don't have them, but I imagine they will have to consult with the Jockey Club for guidance."

Pithers then voiced sympathy for Firth, and his treatment in the report: "There is a strong feeling that he has been made a scapegoat. The Jockey Club has come out of the report rather better than Mr Firth, whom I know from personal experience to be extremely conscientious.

"It seems unfair to hold him largely responsible when there were no rules in place for him to follow, particularly when you look at the complex management structure at Doncaster.

"However, that is past now and it is important the courses and the Jockey Club get together to make sure it is doesn't happen again."

Lyons out of hospital

Ger Lyons, who received multiple injuries in a fall at Newcastle 10 days ago, was discharged from hospital yesterday.

The 24-year-old conditional rider broke his right thigh and shoulder, and suffered a punctured lung and chest injuries when Monanore fell on top of him at the final fence.

The Irish-born rider, who was in intensive care for 48 hours, has ridden 41 winners since arriving in England in 1986 but now faces a long spell on the sidelines.

He plans to visit Hugh Barber, the renowned Carlisle-based orthopaedic surgeon, later this week to assess his prospects for a return to race-riding.

Toby Tobias holds key to big races

By Phil McLennan

Toby Tobias, impressive conqueror of Pegwell Bay at Wincanton 12 days ago, heads the sponsors' market at 2-1 (with a run) for the £20,000 William Hill Golden Spurs Handicap Chase at Doncaster on Saturday.

A decision about whether Toby Tobias will attempt to defy joint top weight of 11st 13lb at Doncaster or take on Maid Of Money in the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase at Cheltenham will not be taken until later in the week.

Rowlandsons Jewels, a brave third behind Cool Ground and Nick The Brief at Sandown 10 days ago, is a 4-1 chance while the Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained See You There is a 6-1 chance.

Nicky Henderson has two of the 18 acceptors in Wont Be Gone Long and No One To Blame and both are reported likely runners. The race is over 3 miles 122 yards.

WEIGHTS: Bishopdale 11st 13lb, Stay On Tracks 11-13, Toby Tobias 11-13, Burannpour 11-12, Man O'Magic 11-10, J-J-Henry 11-9, Proverity 11-9, Rowlandsons Jewels 11-6, Royal Cedar 11-5, Wont Be Gone Long 10-13, Kittinger 10-13, Hitchcock 10-8, The Langnoctm Dyer 10-8, No One To Blame 10-4, See You There 10-0, Fleming 9-11, Annette's Venture 9-8, Fib 9-7.

SPONSORS' BETTING: 2-1 Toby Tobias (with a run), 4-1 Rowlandsons Jewels, 6-1 See You There, 8-1 No One To Blame, Man O'Magic, Royal Cedar, 9-1 Kittinger, 10-1 bar.

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Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Lyphard's Candy.
1.45 **FORMULA ONE** (nap).
2.15 Just As Hopeful.
2.45 Sooner Still.
3.15 Stellajoe.
3.45 Bold Lament.
4.15 Harry Lime.

By Michael Seely

1.15 Lyphard's Candy. 1.45 Chatam. 2.15 FANNY DILLON (nap).

Going: soft (heavy home straight)

1.15 GROUSE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,688: 2m) (14 runners)

1 21 DARK DESIRE 8 (S) (J Jones) M Francis 11-6 ... M Richards ● 99
2 00 FEARLESS NATIVE 14 (Mrs J Holmes) R Manning 11-0 ... A McLellan (7) —
3 0 FIRST ADMIRAL 14 (L Nash) D Wintle 11-0 ... A Carroll —
4 06 GLENSTAL ABBEY 69 (S) (T Milson) R Akehurst 11-0 ... L Harvey 71
5 FF00 GOLDEN VINTAGE 48 (G Greenwood) S Dow 11-0 ... S Turner 69
6 P HORNWOOD LAD 28 (S Bennett) R Hodges 11-0 ... M Fitzgerald (7) —
7 6 LEXDEN 6 (A Goodman) W Perrin 11-0 ... M Bowlby —
8 LYPHARD'S CANDY 106F (Mrs B McCourt) D Elsworth 11-0 ... B Powell —
9 MALAMUTE SALOON 88F (N Wellington) M Pipe 11-0 ... P Scudamore —
10 4 MAN FOR ALL SEASON 31 (P Slade) J Baker 11-0 ... W McFarland (3) 83
11 0P TILL IT HURTS 58 (E Ryan) Mrs Gill Jones 11-0 ... J Bryan —
12 3004 AVONMOUTHSECRETARY 22 (J Tutton) R Holder 10-9 ... N Mann (7) 85
13 33 MERRY MARIGOLD 14 (Mrs I Penfold) J Roberts 10-9 ... Mr G Upton (3) 78
14 3 ROSE FESTIVAL 13 (B) (Mrs J Hickey) R O'Sullivan 10-9 ... M Kinane 95

BETTING: 9-4 Malamute Saloon, 11-4 Lyphard's Candy, 9-2 Dark Desire, 6-1 Rose Festival, 8-1 Man For All Season, 10-1 Avonmouthsecretary, 12-1 Fearless Native, 14-1 Glenstal Abbey, 14-1 others.

1989: RUSTIC COMEDY 4-10-10 P Holley (7-1) D Elsworth 19 ran

FORM FOCUS DARK DESIRE was pushed clear to beat Muirfield Village by 10l at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft). LEXDEN weakened 2 out when a 35½l 6th of 17 to Badrakhani on Windsor (2m, good) hurdling debut last week.
LYPHARD'S CANDY, a useful middle-distance winner on the Flat in Ireland, is held in very high regard and has attracted significant Triumph Hurdle support. MALAMUTE SALOON, a fair middle distance maiden when trained by Henry Cecil on the Flat, cost 30,000gns at the Newmarket Autumn Sales.
AVONSMOUTHSECRETARY weakened some way out when a 18l 4th of 8 to the useful Major Inquiry at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm). ROSE FESTIVAL kept on at one pace when a 6½l 3rd of 14 to subsequent winner Good Spark on Plumpton (2m, soft).
Selection: DARK DESIRE

1.45 PARTRIDGE NOVICES CHASE (£3,195: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1 50P0-31 CELTIC WALK 15 (D,G) (Mrs A Wood) T Forster 6-11-9 ... H Davies 92
2 000/04 BARACUS 71 (Quantocks Racing Ltd) C Popham 7-11-3 ... S Turner —
3 5134-05 BEN HEAD 25 (B) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 8-11-3 ... C Llewellyn —
4 /03110/ CAFFIERI 759 (B) (J Upson) J Upson 7-11-3 ... R Supple —
5 5010-22 CHATAM 21 (F,B) (Dr B Nolan) M Pipe 6-11-3 ... P Scudamore —
6 02210-2 ELVERCONE 15 (V,B) (Mrs C Scott) A J Wilson 9-11-3 ... J Osborne ● 99
7 003/453- FAMOUS LAD 482 (W George) R Lee 7-11-3 ... B Dowling —
8 2342/F1- FORMULA ONE 325 (B) (D Davies) J Edwards 8-11-3 ... T Morgan —
9 3/302/P GAY GUNNER 16 (Mrs D Stamp) Miss H Knight 9-11-3 ... Mr G Upton (5) —
10 1/005/6 GOODASNEW 32 (B) (M Brookes) P Hobbs 7-11-3 ... A Carroll —
11 501F2-0 GREAT MORNING 28 (P Hannon) Miss E Sneyd 6-11-3 ... D Gallagher —
12 0/250-34 MR KIRBY 25 (B) (J O'Donovan) A Jones 8-11-3 ... J Frost 92
13 /3P6P/P PRIORS COPPICE 10 (Miss A Bucknall) C Popham 8-11-3 ... B Powell —
14 /100/60 REGAL CASTLE 16 (B,S) (Edward & Susan Dexter Ltd) N Henderson 7-11-3 ... J White —
15 0/200-00 REHAB VENTURE 14 (P Venn) J Old 6-11-3 ... S McNeill —
16 203P05/ TOURSHAD 645 (F) (P Barnett) R O'Sullivan 7-11-3 ... M Kinane —

BETTING: 2-1 Chatam, 9-2 Celtic Walk, 11-2 Elvercone, 6-1 Formula One, 8-1 Ben Head, 10-1 Famous Lad, 12-1 Mr Kirby, 14-1 Priors Coppice, 16-1 others.

1989: CAMFORD PALM 8-11-12 P Scudamore (5-2) C Brooks 12 ran

FORM FOCUS CELTIC WALK made a winning chasing debut when running on well to beat Couture Color 5l in a Wolverhampton (2m 4f, good) handicap with GAY GUNNER behind pulled up 2 out.
CHATAM, was a useful hurdler and makes chasing debut, 11l 2nd of 2 to comfortable winner Beech Road in a Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm). Should make into a useful chaser but tended to jump left over hurles and is not the easiest of rides.
ELVERCONE kept on well to finish a 6l 2nd to Bendicks here (2m, soft). FORMULA ONE, makes chasing debut, beat Newholme Farm 8l easily at Market Rasen (2m 4f, heavy) in March. Has reportedly schooled well over fences.
MR KIRBY weakened 4 out when a 15l 4th to Yiragan at Newbury (3m, good). REGAL CASTLE was a useful hurdler a couple of seasons ago and is another making a debut over fences.
No Selection

2.15 CLIVE GRAHAM TROPHY (Handicap hurdle: £4,012: 3m) (16 runners)

1 1-20F16 RUSTSTONE 10 (D,S) (R Brown) R Brown 10-11-10 ... J Brown (7) 93
2 41/F0/0 ATRABATES 28 (B,F,G,S) (Atrabates CC) O Sherwood 10-11-9 ... D Benneyworth (7) 94
3 010/P-43 STERNE 11 (D,G,S) (P Hannon) Miss E Sneyd 8-11-8 ... D Gallagher 92
4 20/10-0 FANNY DILLON 28 (S) (Mrs B McCourt) D Elsworth 6-11-8 ... B Powell 89
5 6112-00 DIRECT 3 (CD,S) (H Kaye) J Edwards 7-11-7 ... T Morgan 91
6 40-2B3R PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS 14 (F,S) (Fairford Confectioners) M Pipe 6-11-7 .. P Scudamore ● 99
7 143025/ THE SHINER 643 (D,S) (M Meilerah) D Murray-Smith 10-11-6 ... M Bowlby —
8 1PP-226 JUST AS HOPEFUL 27 (B,G,S) (M Padfield) D Barons 6-11-5 ... N Hawke (3) 95
9 2-05615 VISCOUNT TULLY 10 (S) (C Jackson) C Jackson 5-10-9 ... J Bryan 90
10 1-60455 WHAT ABOUT ME 18 (S) (Mrs S Waite) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-8 ... J O'Gorman (7) 84
11 05-3024 MEZIARA 5 (S) (G Willey) D R Tucker 9-10-8 ... N Coleman 95
12 40004-3 PRINCE KLEINK 22 (CD,F,G,S) (J Stone) A Davison 9-10-1 ... D Morris 93
13 P13/P/F ALARM CALL 6 (S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Stables Ltd) N Mitchell 7-10-0 . A Tory (5) —
14 5404P-0 STORMY MONARCH 24 (G,S) (T Mulkeen) G Jones 9-10-0 ... R Hyett 87
15 06P-F00 PRINCE'S DRIVE 10 (D,F,G,S) (B Manning) B Palling 12-10-0 ... D Rees (7) 77
16 4/00-0 GROCER JACK 15 (Roach Foods Ltd) C Roach 7-10-0 ... J Shortt 64

Long handicap: Alarm Call 9-10, Stormy Monarch 9-2, Prince's Drive 8-9, Grocer Jack 8-3.

BETTING: 7-2 Parlezvousfrancais, 9-2 Just As Hopeful, 5-1 Fanny Dillon, 6-1 Direct, 7-1 Viscount Tully, 8-1 Meziara, 10-1 Sterne, 12-1 Atrabates, 14-1 What About Me, Ruststone, 16-1 others.

1989: POLISH 11-10-3 M Jones (13-2) R Dickin 15 ran

FORM FOCUS RUSTSTONE, reverts to hurdles, beat Basles 5l in a Hereford (2m 3f, heavy) chase on penultimate start. ATRABATES had FANNY DILLON (14lb) and MEZIARA (17lb) behind when a never nearer 13l 8th of 23 to stablemate Arctic Teal at Wincanton (2m 6f, good) after a long absence.
STERNE kept on well towards the finish when a 13l 3rd of 10 to the improving Calabrese at Ascot (3m, good).
FANNY DILLON looked a useful prospect last term when running on well to beat Tel-Echo by ½l at Leicester (2m, soft).
PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS reverts to hurdles after refusing to jump the last fence at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 100y, heavy). Won 6 hurdle races in 1988.
JUST AS HOPEFUL had MEZIARA (5th) 19l back in 8th when a 1l 2nd of 19 to Gaelic Frolic over course and distance (3m, good) on penultimate outing. Should not be inconvenienced by today's easier surface and should give a good account.
Selection: JUST AS HOPEFUL

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Pipe	32	96	33.3
R Akehurst	3	12	25.0
N Henderson	7	30	23.3
O O'Neill	4	21	19.0
D Barons	16	86	18.6
O Sherwood	7	41	17.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Scudamore	54	162	33.3
N Hawke	4	12	33.3
J Osborne	3	10	30.0
J White	3	13	23.1
Peter Hobbs	9	68	13.2
B Powell	14	109	12.8

2.45 RALPH MOREL CUP (Handicap chase: £3,028: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1 FU11F-2 CELTIC FLAME 83 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harris 9-12-0 ... D Skyrme (5) 80
2 311041/ BLUE DART 689 (D,G,S) (H Padfield) T Forster 10-11-12 ... N Davies —
3 F4-P5P3 BRENDAN OLIVIA 14 (D,G,S) (S Alexander) T Hallett 10-11-1 ... P Richards 83
4 04221-1 HOPE DIAMOND 22 (B,S) (CGA (Horseracing 1988) Ltd) N Gaselee 7-10-12 ... B Powell 90
5 453-231 SOONER STILL 13 (F,S) (J Smith) J Edwards 6-10-12 ... T Morgan 94
6 2101/04 BELLIVER PRINCE 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (G Roe) G Roe 10-10-9 ... N Hawke (3) —
7 21-5240 ROCK SAINT 46 (D,G,S) (G Gregson) G Gregson 13-10-9 ... J White ● 99
8 34-2455 RUBIKA 17 (B,S) (T Hemmings) S Mellor 7-10-6 ... S Cowley 86
9 1512-44 TIDAL STREAM 22 (BF,G,S) (S Preston) T Forster 7-10-6 ... C Llewellyn 88
10 4U1364/ BRYMA 602 (CD,S) (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 10-10-4 ... C Evans —
11 F53214 GREEN MARBLE 13 (S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) N Mitchell 8-10-1 ... A Tory (5) 84
12 P1F42-2 WALLY WOMBAT 31 (D,S) (E Pratt) M Scudamore 12-10-0 ... P Scudamore 92

Long handicap: Wally Wombat 9-13.

BETTING: 3-1 Sooner Still, 4-1 Rock Saint, 5-1 Hope Diamond, 6-1 Tidal Stream, 7-1 Rubika, 8-1 Wally Wombat, 10-1 Celtic Flame, 12-1 Green Marble, 14-1 others.

1989: CONRA 10-11-10 B Powell (2-1) G Ham 5 ran

FORM FOCUS CELTIC FLAME made mistakes when 20l 2nd of 4 to Private Views at Newbury (2m 4f, good to firm). HOPE DIAMOND is on a treble following wins at Uttoxeter (2m, soft) and Devon (2m 3f, soft); on latter occasion beat Mister Feathers a neck with TIDAL STREAM (5lb better off) 8½l 4th. SOONER STILL easily beat Hasty Diver 15l at Plumpton (3m 1f, soft); previously 24l 3rd of 7 to French Goblin in a Kempton (3m, good). ROCK SAINT best effort on penultimate start when 5½l 4th of 5 to Incamella at Towcester (2m 5f, good to firm). GREEN MARBLE disappointed when 20l 4th of 9 to St William at Plumpton (2m, soft); previously beat Treble Chance 8l over the same course and distance (soft). WALLY WOMBAT 12l 2nd of 13 to The Laggett over this course and distance; previously ¾-l 2nd of 4 to Baluchi at Leicester (2m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: WALLY WOMBAT

3.15 FLEDGLING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,716: 2m) (16 runners)

1 054322 KRYPTON KNIGHT 22 (V) (J Williams) D R Tucker 5-11-9 ... T Stamy (7) ● 99
2 00-P00 MOTTRAM'S GOLD 31 (G Brown) R Dickin 5-11-9 ... Martin Jones —
3 40 NORTHLANDS WAY 13 (C Brown) D Wintle 5-11-9 ... P McDermott —
4 P0P OLLIE-P 13 (Mrs D Pettis) M Haynes 5-11-9 ... D Benneyworth —
5 0 RAISE A STAR 40F (R J & S Styles Ltd) R Akehurst 5-11-9 ... J Leach —
6 0-P600 FOLIGNO 8 (Mrs F Fisk) B Stevens 5-11-4 ... M Stevens (5) —
7 006-6 MOST INTERESTING 26 (J Priday) G Jones 5-11-4 ... Mark Jones (7) 82
8 526F32 NUNS LITTLE ONE 13 (B) (Mrs C Williams) J Bradley 5-11-4 ... N Mann 98
9 P QUEEN RUN 18 (E Walker) Graeme Roe 5-11-4 ... V Slattery (3) —
10 PP0 SPARRING 6 (B) (B Owen) R Brazington 5-11-4 ... A McLellan (7) —
11 5 THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE 28 (Mrs S Haine) S Mellor 5-11-4 ... I Shoemark 92
12 00 CAPTAIN BONKERS 22 (Mike Cutterbuck (Calves)) M Cutterbuck 4-10-10 ... P Barnard —
13 PP TOEBOARD 25 (B) (R Page) Miss L Bower 4-10-10 ... S Hodgson —
14 0 LITTLE GOOSE GIRL 31 (C Wildman, C Wildman 4-10-5 ... D Dengel (7) —
15 0 MISS A TURN 13 (B) (Planflow (Leasing) Ltd) R Simpson 4-10-5 ... D Gallagher —
16 83 STELLAJOE 13 (J Stone) A Davison 4-10-5 ... S Murphy (5) 96

BETTING: 3-1 Stellajoe, 9-2 Nuns Little One, 5-1 Thamesdown Tootsie, 6-1 Krypton Knight, Raise A Star, 10-1 Miss A Turn, 12-1 others.

1989: CAMPING OUT 4-10-5 M Hoad (7-4 fav) R Hoad 12 ran

FORM FOCUS KRYPTON KNIGHT 15l 2nd of 17 to Punchbag at Devon (2m 1f, soft) with NUNS LITTLE ONE (same terms) 20l 3rd. NORTHLANDS WAY 28l 4th of 11 to Happyoats at Southwell (2m, flat); latest outclassed behind Sudden Victory on hurdling debut.
NUNS LITTLE ONE 15l 2nd of 15 to Lord Rolfe at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft) with STELLAJOE (1lb better off) 11½l 3rd and OLLIE-P (same terms) pulled up.
THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE nearest finish when 35l 5th of 15 to Lady Rosanna at Wincanton (2m, good).
Selection: THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE

3.45 EBF NOVICES CHASE (£2,622: 3m) (16 runners)

1 10/4P-51 BOLD LAMENT 18 (G,S) (Lord Swaythling) N Henderson 9-11-6 ... J White 98
2 0/3P2-38 BRONZE EFFIGY 33 (G,S) (M Henriques) M Henriques 8-11-2 ... L Harvey 78
3 00-P2 DIE BROKE 25 (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 6-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs ● 99
4 B5FR-34 FORT SUMITER 86 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 7-11-2 ... D Skyrme (5) —
5 /06U/14- FOXBOROUGH LAD 389 (G) (P Lamb) D Elsworth 11-11-2 ... B Powell 95
6 11120-0 GO WEST 15 (B,BF,S) (Mrs J Dodd) M Pipe 6-11-2 ... P Scudamore —
7 FB3 JUST SO 22 (H Cole) J Roberts 7-11-2 ... Mr S Barrough (7) 80
8 102-636 KAMADOOR 13 (F,S) (D Harvie) G Balding 7-11-2 ... J Frost —
9 0/P005 MONKEY HUNTER 13 (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-2 ... J O'Gorman (3) —
10 6-0552U STREETFIGHTER 14 (B,F) (R Payne) J Baker 8-11-2 ... W McFarland (3) 78
11 20420-U TRUSTY FRIEND 80 (S) (Mrs C Fairbairn) J Edwards 8-11-2 ... T Morgan —
12 FP0 WAYWARD LUKE 14 (J Sanders) R Dickin 8-11-2 ... Martin Jones (5) —
13 /6858/U CAPE MANTON 7 (A Smith) R Holder 9-10-11 ... N Coleman —
14 0FP03/F DUSKY'S SPIRIT 28 (Mrs A Appleyard) Mrs A Appleyard 11-10-11 ... P Richards —
15 53 LITTLE MYND 15 (F) (T Pearson) R Lee 11-10-11 ... R Greene (7) 88
16 0- HAMMER 297 (R Hamilton) K Bishop 5-10-5 ... S Earle —

BETTING: 3-1 Go West, 4-1 Bold Lament, 5-1 Die Broke, 6-1 Foxborough Lad, 7-1 Just So, 8-1 Little Mynd, 10-1 Streetfighter, Trusty Friend, 12-1 others.

1989: LORD MURPHY 7-11-1 N Coleman (4-1) R Holder 13 ran

FORM FOCUS BOLD LAMENT comfortably beat Our Fellow (winner since) 4l at Folkestone (2m 4f, good); previously 26l 5th of 9 to Federal Trooper at Huntingdon (2m 200yd, soft). BRONZE EFFIGY nearest at finish when 32½l 6th of 13 to Mighty Fine at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd, good).
DIE BROKE 5l 2nd of 12 to Yiragan at Newbury (3m, good) with JUST SO (same terms) brought down at the second. FOXBOROUGH LAD 19½l 4th of 8 to Polyfemus at Newbury (3m, good to firm) last season. He goes well when fresh.
JUST SO 25l 3rd of 14 to Combermere at Devon (3m 1f, soft). LITTLE MYND one-paced 11l 3rd of 12 to Blue Rainbow here (2m, soft). Is not certain to stay this trip.
Selection: FOXBOROUGH LAD (nap)

4.15 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,688: 2m) (14 runners)

1 14 TILT TECH FLYER 13 (D,S) (P De Weck) R Akehurst 5-12-0 ... J Leach (5) 98
2 30-1325 HIGH IMP 58 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Jacobs) P Leach 10-11-11 ... S Burden (7) —
3 5230-01 STEPHENS PET 12 (D,G) (Mrs M Potter) O O'Neill 7-11-11 ... — 92
4 6/5P-02U CELTIC DOVE 10 (Mrs J Martin) K Bishop 7-11-6 ... S Earle 98
5 20F0- HARRY LIME 318 (B Newton) M Pipe 5-11-1 ... P Scudamore 96
6 4240/14 RIBOKEYES BOY 68 (D,BF,S) (Mrs Gail Davison) A Davison 8-10-11 ... D Morris 88
7 0/F3-U5 WINABUCK 11 (W Buttfield) R Dickin 7-10-11 ... B Powell ● 99
8 0-043 RUSHLUAN 12 (Mrs K Burge) R Hodges 6-10-9 ... W Irvine (3) 94
9 PF-3326 KINGFISHER BAY 6 (D Chilcott) B Palling 5-10-7 ... C Evans 91
10 4F/34P0 FRAUD SQUAD 22 (B,F,S) (R Williams) P Leach 11-10-5 ... J Frost 97
11 00P-00 KNOWSTONE 12 (Mrs J Butled) C Popham 7-10-0 ... C Llewellyn —
12 P06P-5 FRED SPLENDID 13 (G Small) R Hodges 7-10-0 ... Mr C Maude (7) 94
13 60-PP00 TIME MODULE 11 (Mrs D Scott) D Scott 6-10-0 ... P Barnard (5) 83
14 404-005 LUREX GIRL 15 (J Power) D R Tucker 6-10-0 ... N Coleman 93

Long handicap: Fred Splendid 9-9, Time Module 9-4, Lurex Girl 9-4.

BETTING: 7-2 Harry Lime, 9-2 Ribokeyes Boy, 5-1 Fraud Squad, 6-1 Winabuck, 7-1 Celtic Dove, 8-1 Rushluan, 10-1 Tilt Tech Flyer, Stephens Pet, 12-1 Fred Splendid, 14-1 others.

1989: ELVERCONE 8-11-0 P Scudamore (4-1) A J Wilson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS TILT TECH FLYER 23¾l 4th of 16 to Sudden Victory at Plumpton (2m, soft) with FRED SPLENDID (22lb better off) 10¾l 6th; earlier beat Crashing Bore 15l at Folkestone (2m 100yd, soft).
STEPHENS PET was all out to beat Cooks Lawn a short head at Wincanton (2m, good) with KNOWSTONE (25lb better off) over 58l 15th of 19. CELTIC DOVE 20l 2nd of 12 to Doc's Coat at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, heavy) on penultimate start.
RIBOKEYES BOY was slowly away when 17½ 4th of 8 to Honey Saint at Towcester (2m, good to firm); previously beat Cathos 2l at Kempton (2m, good to soft). RUSHLUAN 3¾l 3rd of 19 to Nastail at Wincanton (2m, good).
KINGFISHER BAY best effort on penultimate start when ¾l 2nd of 12 to Noble Bid at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, good) with RUSHLUAN (2lb worse off) 16l 4th.
Selection: TILT TECH FLYER

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.0 ELVASTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,470: 2m) (13 runners)

1 56224/5- AL HASHIMI 329 (J Hobbs) D Nicholson 6-11-4 ... R Bellamy (5) —
2 0P0-5P6 ALMERIMAR 15 (R McAlpine) N Henderson 6-11-4 ... S Smith Eccles —
3 305-P42 COUTURE COLOR 15 (Couture Marketing Ltd) J Mackie 7-11-4 ... S J O'Neill 94
4 0P4-326 CRASHING BORE 17 (C Ellis) S Mellor 6-11-4 ... M Perrett —
5 6/0F45-2 MASTER RAJH 22 (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 6-11-4 ... M Lynch 95
6 0F/6-P0 MELLOW LIGHT 22 (H Lawrie) R Armytage 7-11-4 ... — —
7 00 MONDAY CLUB 15 (J Tuck) G Balding 5-11-4 ... Mr A Walter —
8 PP-PPP OPAL GLEN 4 (B) (Mrs J Curson) B Richmond 8-11-4 ... S Keightley —
9 030/25-P PALS GALORE 17 (J Singleton) D McCain 8-11-4 ... G McCourt —
10 520/00-4 PRISCILLIAN 14 (H Mould) D Nicholson 6-11-4 ... R Dunwoody 95
11 0P32/P-P SMITH'S LAD 38 (R Smith) Roy Smith 8-11-4 ... R Beggan —
12 00P6-5 APALTOUN 14 (H Hoggood) D Gandolfo 5-10-9 ... M Dwyer ● 99
13 5-F0065 THE GREEN STUFF 15 (J Upson) J Upson 5-10-9 ... K Burke 75

BETTING: 13-8 Master Rajh, 7-2 Crashing Bore, 5-1 Priscillian, 7-1 Afaltoun, 8-1 Couture Color, 12-1 Al Hashimi, 16-1 others.

1989: ONE MORE KNIGHT 6-11-11 A Webb (Evens fav) Mrs I McKie 7 ran

3.30 CARLTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,448: 2m) (8 runners)

1 1221-0 SMART PERFORMER 39 (D,G,S) (R Gomarsall) N Tinkler 5-12-0 ... G McCourt 88
2 4-12144 PENALTY DOUBLE 22 (D,BF,F,G) (N Charter) C Brooks 8-11-11 ... B de Haan 93
3 11160 HYDEONIUS 10 (D,F,G) (Miss C Peters) J Glover 5-10-10 ... R Fahey ● 99
4 30-0100 SOUTH CROSS 10 (V,D,F) (W Green) G Moore 5-10-10 ... J Callaghan (7) 92
5 1160-0U TITUS GOLD 16 (B,D,S) (A Dickinson) M Dickinson 5-10-10 ... S Smith Eccles 85
6 FF-2P02 WEETMANS WAGON 18 (D,G,S) (E Weetman Ltd) B McMahon 8-10-9 ... T Wall 87
7 0-8 WANTAGE 10 (D,G) (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 8-10-0 ... J Railton (3) —
8 P/001F- SKIDDY LAD 302 (D,S) (S Smith) S Smith 8-10-0 ... J Duggan 77

Long handicap: Wantage 9-12, Skiddy Lad 9-1.

BETTING: 11-4 Weetmans Wagon, 7-2 Penalty Double, 4-1 Hydeonius, 5-1 South Cross, 6-1 Smart Performer, 8-1 Titus Gold, 16-1 others.

1989: WITHOUT A DOUBT 7-10-8 A J Quinn (5-4 fav) T Tate 6 ran

3.45 BONNINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,270: 2m)

1 21-3411 HIGH RIVER 10 (D,G,S) (T Leadbeater) B Morgan 8-11-10 ... D Shaw —

Walks over

1988: SNOWY BONDLAIR 10-8-10 Mr P Verling (2-1) D Murray Smith 7ran

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LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.10 Absolutely Humming. 1.40 Trojan General. 2.10 Jascha. 2.40 Final Harvest. 3.10 Gentle Satin. 3.40 My Pal Popeye. 4.10 Daddy's Darling.

Going: standard Draw: 6f-1m, low numbers

1.10 COWES CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,280: 1m) (9 runners)

1 40-5 GHILAN 19 (G) R Akehurst 4-9-6 ... M Wigham 8
2 403- NEEHA 6J (B) I Matthews 4-8-12 ... A McGlone 3
3 40-4 THIN RED LINE 16J (F,G) (V) J Jenkins 6-8-12 ... N Day 7
4 05-0 THABEH 14 K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-11 ... W Newnes 6
5 200- ABSOLUTELY HUMMING 11J (G) D Wilson 4-8-5 ... T Williams 9
6 001/ LADY HOMILY 446J (F) E Wheeler 5-8-4 ... Dean Mellor 5
7 00-0 BALLY KNIGHT 21 (V) J Shaw 4-8-2 ... G Bardwell 2
8 0- SEVENS ARE WILD 220 A Lee 4-7-13 ... J Quinn (3) 1
9 00-0 CAROLES CLOWN 6J (F) M Haynes 4-7-11 S Dawson 4

9-4 Neeha, 5-2 Ghilan, 9-2 Absolutely Humming, Thin Red Line, 12-1 Thabeh, 16-1 Caroles Clown, 25-1 others.

1.40 RYDE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,635: 6f) (4)

1 -221 WELLSY LAD 3 D Chapman 9-13 (7ex) .. S Wood (5) 2
2 01-1 PETITE BUTTERFLY 21 (C,D) W Carter 9-7 .. G Carter 4
3 0-11 TROJAN GENERAL 5 (C) D Murray Smith 9-6 (7ex) ... R Wernham 3
4 6-10 BLAZING SUNSET 5 (CD,F) D Wilson 7-8 .. T Williams 1

11-8 Trojan General, 2-1 Blazing Sunset, 3-1 Petite Butterfly, 8-1 Wellsy Lad.

2.10 COWES CLAIMING STAKES (Div: II £2,280: 1m) (8)

1 KING'S LADY 73 (G) W Musson 4-9-0 ... M Wigham 3
2 040- TARANGA 24 (B,D,F,G,S) J White 7-9-0 ... T Williams 2
3 000- GOOD HOLIDAYS 116 D Burchell 4-8-7 ... Dean McKeown 4
4 04-4 JASCHA 7 R Johnson Houghton 4-8-7 ... W Newnes 5
5 3-46 MASTER TYKE 10 (G) R Hoad 5-8-7 ... N Adams

COMMONWEALTH GAMES: BRITISH ATHLETES LOOK FORWARD TO REAPING RICH HARVEST AS RELAXED NEW ZEALANDERS SOW SEEDS FOR A SPORTING SUCCESS

Isolation no albatross for true island race

Simon Barnes

Auckland

General de Gaulle famously remarked on the impossibility of governing a country that makes more than 200 different kinds of cheese. Well, as we gather here for the start of the Commonwealth Games tomorrow, it is clear that New Zealand does not pose that problem, being about 199 cheeses short, but consider this: how can an outsider come to terms with a country that has 10 different species of albatross?

Albatrosses are birds of the open ocean: immature birds spend years without coming to land. Yet albatrosses are New Zealand birds all right, because New Zealand is a land of the open ocean.

We Brits often talk about being "an island race" but all British history contradicts this. Start at 1066, or with the Romans or the Danes, if you prefer, and move on to world wars and armies of occupation, and it is clear that British history is about the struggles and strife of the British relationship with the great land mass across the Channel.

If you want to know about island races, then New Zealand is your place. It is thousands of miles from the nearest continental land mass. True, you can find Australian qualities here, a certain kind of Englishness, and a great deal of the Pacific people as well, but all this comes filtered through a deep layer of impenetrable, rather deadpan, New Zealandness.

Auckland has not gone overboard about these Games. Going overboard is not a New Zealand thing. Last year's Super Bowl city, Miami, celebrated with hordes of visitors, 70ft high images of Joe Namath projected on to downtown buildings, and bloody riots after a Hispanic policeman had shot to death a black motorcyclist.

Auckland has so far taken the Commonwealth Games in its stride. I may be wrong — this may be a state of high excitement for Auckland — but the place is pretty relaxed about these Games. They all turned out to see the tall ships come into harbour at the weekend. Or they were out in their own boats: perhaps this is more a country of participants than a spectating one.

Nor is this is a big track-and-field nation: naturally, they like cheering winners in black vests, but it is the All Black rugby players that constitute the mainstream tradition. The New Zealanders seem to be approaching the Games without hype, and without jingoism. I can live with that.

There are the usual hordes of volunteers, without which any modern Games is incomplete, but not one of them has spoken to me about medal prospects. They all ask me how I like New Zealand. And they are very keen that I should like the place a lot. So far, I have not disappointed any of them.

New Zealand gets a lot of bad PR. It is famous for being boring. Three Morris Minors is a traffic jam: everywhere is stone dead at 11 in the evening: it is like England 30 years ago. All that. And it misses the point completely: sure, Auckland is not Manhattan, but on the other hand, the rest of New Zealand is not New Jersey.

The point of Zambia is not Lusaka, but the bush. The point of New Zealand is not the concrete, but the green, damp countryside. The point of Auckland is how easily you can leave it for quite heavenly country. This really is a green and pleasant land.

It is Green in the modern sense too: in the face of international opposition, New Zealand refuses entry to ships with nuclear weapons. The United States, in particular, are livid about this. New Zealand has also loudly condemned French nuclear testing in the Pacific. The French secret service blew up the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior, killing a crew member, in Auckland harbour.

New Zealand has taken a bold stand, and cut itself off: but what is the point of being an island if you can't be isolated? There in a nutshell you have New Zealand: a dogged, independent, ocean state. In more trivial issues, the New Zealand Government is considering a ban on tobacco sponsorship of sport. The people from the Round the World Yacht Race are livid. The boats are here at the moment, and four of the fleet are flying the flag for fags. The tobacco companies involved are suggesting that Auckland be dropped from the race in future: New Zealand seems pretty unmoved by that dire threat.

New Zealand only looks dull to the superficial. It is, in fact, a unique corner of the world. Perhaps it is the right place for this very odd sporting event, the Commonwealth Games. People go on about keeping sport out of politics: well, here we have a major event that depends on a political grouping for its very existence.

The event began as the Empire Games in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in 1930; even then these Games were seen as a friendlier event than the strident and chauvinistic Olympics. It is amazing that the nations that made up that Empire should still be willing to celebrate the links with one another and with a "mother country" whose humanitarian record is at best equivocal. Perhaps the secret lies in sport itself.

J. E. C. Welldon, the headmaster of Harrow at the end of the last century, said: "Englishmen are not superior to Frenchmen or Germans in brains or industry, or the science or apparatus of war ..."

Their superiority lay in: "The health and temper which games impart ... the pluck, the energy, the perseverance, the good temper, the self-control, the discipline, the concentration, the *esprit de corps* which merit success in cricket or football, are the very qualities which win the day in peace or war."

Sport was, to an extraordinary degree, a part of the Empire. Sudan was called "the land of blacks ruled by Blues". Cyril Norwood, Master of Marlborough, said: "What is the justification of games here, save the ideal of service?" Such beliefs, most particularly that in "fair play", were naturally carried into the lands acquired through emigration; and, also, they passed, in various different forms and degrees, into the people of the countries acquired through subjugation. It is very hard to put a finger on what, precisely, is the point of the Commonwealth Games today. In one way, they are a kind of enjoyable anachronism: they acknowledge not so much the present as the past: they are a tribute to a shared and sometimes a shameful history.

It is no great surprise that the links between the "mother country" and the Dominions, the emigration lands of Australia, New Zealand and Canada, remain unbroken after independence. But that British links with the countries of Africa and Asia can be celebrated in the frivolities of sport, is truly surprising. To see this as forgiveness is certainly to go too far: call it an uneasy, extremely wary handshake across the abyss of history.

● The historical quotations in this piece have come from Richard Holt's magnificent *Sport and the British* (Oxford University Press).

Problems unsettle Auckland bowlers

From David Rhys Jones
Auckland

Uncertainty has dogged preparations for the bowls events at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland. With only two days left before woods are rolled in anger, the players are not yet sure whom they will face in their sectional round-robins.

Scotland arrived after a 42-hour journey punctuated by mechanical failure; Wales experienced problems at their host club and have had to practice elsewhere; the practice greens used by England were heavier than they had expected; David Corkill, one of the leading medal hopes of Ireland, is confined to bed in the Games village, the victim of a chest virus.

The Scotland team, including Angus Blair, Willie Wood and Richard Corsie, who has been chosen to carry the flag of Scotland at the opening ceremony tomorrow, remained in transit in Singapore for several hours while running repairs were carried out on their jet.

Wales, whose team manager, Gareth Humphries, was unable to make the trip and were led instead by the president, John Calnan, received a warm welcome at the Bucklands Beach Club, but found the playing surface more akin to Pontypridd than Pakuranga.

Calnan's urgent request for a change of practice venue was accommodated, so John Price, Robert Weale, Will Thomas and the others were relocated at Mount Wellington.

The India bowlers were to make their first appearance at international level at the Games, but they, like the Swazilanders, have not yet touched down at Manakau airport.

If India or Swaziland have to withdraw from the Games, the bowls draw will have to be changed yet again. Mistakes made in early editions of the draw have been rectified.

The biggest complaint among the players, however, is against the decision not to have finals. The winners of section A and section B will play off for the gold medals in all events, and the runners-up will play off for the bronze.

England count treats that lie in store

From David Powell
Athletics Correspondent
Auckland

When the England athletics team manager, John Jeffery, was asked how many medals he expected his men's squad to win at the Commonwealth Games, it was a reminder of one of those competitions at a school fête in which you are invited to guess the number of sweets in the jar. The only certain answer is: plenty.

Four years ago, when 32 countries boycotted the Games, the England men won all five flat-track races from 400 metres to 10,000 metres and a total of 12 gold medals from their 23 events. Then England wore the shirt and jacket without the hat and tie: they were smart in the middle distance, but not quite dressed in the sprints and jumps.

Sprinting is now fully buttoned up in England, and Dalton Grant, in the high jump, Stuart Faulkner, in the long jump, and Jonathan Edwards, in the triple jump, have made sufficient progress to give their national team a more balanced look. In eight days of athletics competition here, even with the inclusion this time, we can still safely assume, of the competitive Kenyans, Nigerians and Jamaicans, England have gold medal chances in 16 events.

The exceptions are the 400 metres, 5,000 metres, steeplechase, marathon, 110 metres hurdles, discus and 30-kilometre walk. The difficulty in settling for 16 events was the inclusion of the pole vault, in which Andy Ashurst, the defending champion, is an outsider against Doug Wood, of Canada, and Simon Arkell, of Australia, and the hammer, in which Sean Carlin, of Australia, will need to be four or five metres off form to be caught by either Dave Smith, the champion, or Paul Head, both of England, and the exclusion of the 5,000 metres, in which Jack Buckner, Mark Rowland and Eamonn Martin surely cannot defeat John Ngugi and Yobes Ondieki, of Kenya.

Kenya have the depth to emulate England's victories from 400 metres to 10,000 metres in Edinburgh, with marathon and steeplechase titles thrown in, but they will hardly be noticed anywhere else. England, though, have outstanding favourites in Grant and the javelin thrower, Steve Backley. Grant, who developed last year into one of the world's best high jumpers, winning the European Cup, is expected to resist Nick Saunders, of Bermuda, and Milt Ottey, of Canada.

England's improvement in the field has been matched in the sprints. Only Ray Stewart, of Jamaica, is seen to have any chance of running down Linford Christie in the 100 metres. Not that Christie would agree. He ran 10.18 seconds, easing down, in the Mount Smart Stadium here, where the Games athletics will be held. "10.06 or 10.07 will win it," Christie said, and that looked comfortably within his grasp.

The 200 metres may provide England with all three medals. John Regis, Ade Mafe and Marcus Adam are each potential winners. The javelin team, who will train and live together up to the day of competition, will need their unity. They, too, might have expected all the medals but are likely to have their happy family broken up by Gavin Lovegrove, who will become the adopted son of some 35,000 New Zealand supporters for an afternoon when he throws for a medal.

Ikem Billy, who runs the 800 metres here, said: "The balance of power in British athletics is switching from middle distance to sprinting."

That may be so; but, at these Games, it is an English middle distance runner who will earn the greatest accolade, win or lose. Sebastian Coe, possibly the greatest athlete of them all, retires after attempting a double at 800 and 1,500 metres. He is more relaxed than ever. Was he nostalgic? "The thought of five or six races in five or six days concentrates the mind when it starts to drift into nostalgia," he said.

John Walker will be trying to beat Coe by a fraction of a second into retirement from international competition but, for the New Zealand ambassador of middle distance, there is no suggestion of a golden handshake. After watching his predecessor as Olympic 1,500 metres champion struggle into fifth place behind Peter Elliott here on Saturday, Coe, embarrassed in saying it but saying it nevertheless, said: "John is going to need a few more days to do some extra training."

Coe is aged 33, Walker 38. Walker was just 22, with Coe barely getting started, when he went into the 1974 Commonwealth 1,500 metres final, backed by the support of the home nation, at Christchurch. Though he beat Jim Ryun's seven-year-old world record, it was not his day: Filbert Bayi ran the race of his life to take the gold and Ryan's record. Walker had his revenge by beating Bayi's world mile record three months later and becoming the first man under 3min 50sec.

While Coe prepares to run for political office, Walker is to let others do his running for him: he has applied to become a racehorse trainer. The horses do not seem to like the idea: one kicked him on an Achilles tendon last week and he had to withdraw from a race against Elliott.

There is one more retirement to mention. Debbie Flintoff-King, whose victory in the Seoul Olympics 400 metres hurdles had all the drama of Arsenal's League Championship triumph at Anfield last season. Flintoff-King pipped Tatyana Ledovskaya in the last stride.

A glorious end to her career is threatened by Sally Gunnell, of England, more than anyone else. Gunnell won the sprint hurdles in Edinburgh and could now win both. An England 1-2-3 in the shot, with Judy Oakes, Myrtle Augee and Yvonne Hanson-Nortey looks probable and Linda Keough (400 metres), Diane Edwards and Ann Williams (800 metres), Jill Hunter and Wendy Sly (10,000 metres), Fiona May (long jump), Tessa Sanderson (javelin) — Fatima Whitbread's recent 54.12 metres in recent competition does not suggest gold — and Judy Simpson and Kim Hagger (heptathlon) are all contenders for victory in the 19 women's events.

Scotland are a small but muscular team with Tom McKean competing in the 800 metres, and Yvonne Murray and Liz McColgan doubling up. Angela Chalmers, of Canada, has looked strong over both 800 and 3,000 metres in the last fortnight and, in the absence of her compatriot, Lynn Williams, is the greatest threat to Murray in the 1,500 metres and to both Scots in the 3,000 metres. McColgan could find for the first time at an international championship 10,000 metres that she is troubled by a fellow-Briton as Hunter and Sly, comparative novices at the distance, try their luck.

Colin Jackson, of Wales, is not quite the hottest favourite of the Games but comes close in the 110 metres hurdles. Kay Morley, Gunnell's chief challenger at her shorter event, could make it a hurdles double for Wales. Paul Edwards, in the shot is the other Welsh hope for victory. Judging by recent form, Steve Jones can be ruled out of contention in the marathon.

The three strongest favourites are all Australian: Kerry Saxby, in the women's walk, Simon Barker, in the men's walk, and Lisa Martin, in the women's marathon.

Unfortunately, none of these three will receive the customary welcome into the stadium at the finish. The walks and marathon are completed on the coast road. "To have finished in the stadium would not have been so scenic for television as it would on the waterfront," a marathon and walks spokesman said. "And from the runners' point of view the course is fast and flatter."

IAN STEWART

Three musketeers: javelin throwers Mick Hill, Mark Robertson and Steve Backley at play

Reduction ordered on ceremony

Auckland (Agencies) — Australia have been ordered to withdraw nearly 40 people from their contingent for the opening ceremonies of the Games tomorrow. New Zealand officials have reduced numbers for the occasion at the Mount Smart stadium, even telling the smallest teams to cut one or two members from the parade.

The Australian team manager, Sol Spitalnic, said: "I will find it very hard to go up to someone and tell them they can't march."

● The two-man Falklands Islands team has been given permission to compete in the Commonwealth Games after becoming the latest members of the International Amateur Athletics Federation. After taking seven days to reach New Zealand from their home, William Goss and Peter Biggs, the 10,000 metres runners, had learned they would be ineligible because they were not affiliated to the IAAF.

But David Dixon, the Games Federation secretary, confirmed yesterday that the Falklands had made a valid application for IAAF membership.

● Police are satisfied with crowd safety arrangements at the Commonwealth Games after studying film of the Hillsborough football tragedy. Ross Dallow, the Police Games venues chief, has dismissed the possibility that such a disaster could occur during the Games.

● Jillian Richardson, a sprinter, has been expelled from the Canadian team following a dispute over her accommodation in the Athletes Village. "This will do nothing to boost confidence," Scott McCann, the vice-president of the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada, said.

Boardman to persevere with amateur races

Auckland — Chris Boardman, the multiple British road and track champion, indirectly confirmed yesterday that he had abandoned his plans to turn professional this year, preferring to concentrate on international amateur racing (Peter Bryan writes).

With his Commonwealth Games preparation virtually completed — he is excused further training before Thursday's 100 kilmetres (62½ miles) team time-trial — Boardman has pencilled in his diary for September, "Grand Prix des Nations". This is the ultimate test against the clock, on a course in the Nice area, which the Wirral rider wants to add to his successes following victory last year in the Grand Prix of France time-trial.

Another good performance in France could assure Boardman, who wants to race more on the road than on the track, of a professional contract in 1991.

Boardman, Ben Luckwell, Pete Longbottom and Wayne Randle on Thursday attempt to repeat England's victory four years ago. After Sunday's brief and only opportunity for teams to familiarize themselves with the variety of surfaces on the route, Luckwell planned to ride heavier tyres, but yesterday decided against any change.

New Zealand, second to England in Sunday's test run and 45 seconds slower, will use a handlebar fitting made popular by Greg LeMond, the Tour de France winner, to gain maximum streamlining.

FORM GUIDE TO THE TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS IN AUCKLAND

Men

100 METRES

RECORDS: World: 9.92 Carl Lewis (US). Commonwealth: 9.95 Ben Johnson (Can). British: 9.97, Linford Christie.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
9.97 Ray Stewart (Jam, 9.90w)
10.10 Linford Christie (Eng, 10.06w)
10.14 Bruny Surin (Can)
10.16 Oladipe Adeniken (Nigeria, 10.05w)
Other British: 10.28 Marcus Adam (Eng).
10.39 John Regis (Eng). 10.43 Elliot Bunney (Scot, 10.34w). 10.45 Jamie Henderson (Scot, 10.45w). 10.58 Dave Clark (Scot, 10.48). 10.55w).

200 METRES

RECORDS: World: 19.72sec, Pietro Mennea (It). Commonwealth: 19.86, Don Quarrie (Jam). British: 20.09, Linford Christie.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
20.35 John Regis (Eng)
20.38 Oladape Adeniken (Nigeria)
20.55 Clive Wright (Jam)
20.62 Ade Mafe (Eng)
20.64 Marcus Adam (Eng, 20.37w)
Other British: 21.36 Dave Clark (Scot, 21.01w), 22.0 David Teece (IoM).

400 METRES

RECORDS: World: 43.29sec, Butch Reynolds (US). Commonwealth: 44.17, Innocent Egbunike (Nigeria). British: 44.50, Derek Redmond.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
45.21 Howard Davis (Jam)
45.29 Simon Kipkemboi (Ken, 45.0)
45.31 Bruce Phillip (Dom)
45.32 Howard Burnett (Jam)
45.2 Samson Kitur (Ken)
British: 45.92 Brian Whittle (Scot). 46.22 Wayne McDonald (Eng). 46.26 Todd Bennett (Eng), 46.26 Phil Brown (Eng). 48.38 David Teece (IoM).

800 METRES

RECORDS: World, Commonwealth and British: 1min 41.73sec, Sebastian Coe.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
1:43.38 Nixon Kiprotich (Ken)
1:43.38 Sebastian Coe (Eng)
1:43.70 Robert Kibet (Ken)
1:43.88 Tom McKean (Scot)
Other British: 1:45.27 Ikem Billy (Eng), 1:46.77 Brian Whittle (Scot), 1:47.16 Neil Horsfield (Wales), 1:47.58 Matthew Yates (Eng), 1:47.73 David Strang (Scot).

1,500 METRES

RECORDS: World: 3min 29.46sec, Said Aouita (Mor). European and British: 3:29.67, Steve Cram.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
3:32.57 Wilfred Kirochi (Ken)
3:34.05 Sebastian Coe (Eng)
3:34.53 Joseph Chesire (Ken)
3:35.60 Tony Morrell (Eng)
Other British: 3:37.5 Peter Elliott (Eng), 3:38.9 Ian Hamer (Wales), 3:39.4 Neil Horsfield (Wales), 3:40.94 Mark Kirk (N Ire).

5,000 METRES

RECORDS: World: 12min 58.39sec, Said Aouita (Mor). European and British: 13:00.41, Dave Moorcroft.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
13:04.24 Yobes Ondieki (Ken)
13:14.27 John Ngugi (Ken)
13:17.82 Jack Buckner (Eng)
13:17.84 Eamonn Martin (Eng)
13:26.27 Mark Rowland (Eng)
Other British: 13:39.95 Tom Hanlon (Scot), 13:45.3 Ian Hamer (Wales).

10,000 METRES

RECORDS: World: 27min 08.23sec, Arturo Barrios (Mex). Commonwealth: 27:22.47, Henry Rono (Ken). British: 27:23.06, Eamonn Martin.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
28:07.4 Kibiwot Biok (Ken)
28:13.89 Eamonn Martin (Eng)
28:14.67 Moses Tanui (Ken)
28:15.97 Tim Hutchings (Eng)
Other British: 28:17.54 Gary Staines (Eng).

MARATHON

RECORDS: World best: 2hr 06min 50sec, Belayneh Dinsamo (Eth). Commonwealth and British best: 2:07:13, Steve Jones.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
2:09:03 Douglas Wakiihuri (Ken)
2:09:06 Steve Moneghetti (Aus)
2:09:52 Suleiman Nyambui (Tan)
2:09:54 Tony Milorsorov (Eng)
Other British: 2:12:58, Steve Jones (Wales). 2:13:03 Steve Brace (Wales), 2:14:19 Carl Thackery (Eng), 2:15:00 Geoff Wightman (Eng), 2:22:32 Bill Tweed (Jer).

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

RECORDS: World and Commonwealth: 8min 05.35sec, Peter Koech (Ken). British: 8:07.96, Mark Rowland.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
8:12.18 Julius Kariuki (Ken)
8:15.80 Graeme Fell (Can)
8:16.52 Tom Hanlon (Scot)
8:24.14 Eddie Wedderburn (Eng)
8:24.50 Roger Hackney (Wales)
Other British: 8:27.57 Colin Walker (Eng). 8:37.15 Mike Hawkins (Eng).

110 METRES HURDLES

RECORDS: World: 12.92sec, Roger Kingdom (US). Commonwealth and British: 13.11, Colin Jackson.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
13.11 Colin Jackson (Wales, 12.95w)
13.31 Tony Jarrett (Eng)
13.57 David Nelson (Eng)
13.59 Richard Buckner (Jam, 13.43w)
13.70 Nigel Walker (Wales, 13.49w)
Other British: 13.95 Hugh Teape (Eng, 13.85w).

400 METRES HURDLES

RECORDS: World: 47.02sec, Ed Moses (US). Commonwealth: 47.82, John Akii-Bua (Uga). British: 48.12, David Hemery.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
48.20 Winthrop Graham (Jam)
48.59 Kriss Akabusi (Eng)
48.67 Samuel Matete (Zam)
49.04 Henry Amike (Nigeria)
Other British: 50.71 Steve Hawkins (Eng), 50.79 Mark Davidson (Scot), 50.96 Lawrence Lynch (Eng).

SHOT

RECORDS: World: 23.06m, Ulf Timmerman (EG). Commonwealth and British: 21.58, Geoff Capes.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
19.85 Paul Edwards (Wales)
19.64 John Mills (Aus)
18.93 Simon Williams (Eng, 19.44i)
18.75 Adewale Olukoju (Nigeria, 18.93i)
Other British: 18.21i Matt Simson (Eng, 18.11), 17.67 Neil Gray (Eng), 17.78i Steve Whyte (Scot).

DISCUS

RECORDS: World: 74.08m, Jürgen Schult (EG). Commonwealth: 67.32, Rob Gray (Can). British: 64.32, Bill Tancred (65.16, Richard Slaney, unratified).

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
65.54 Adewale Olukoju (Nigeria)
63.62 Ray Lazdins (Can)
63.02 Werner Reiterer (Aus)
62.48 Paul Nandapi (Aus)
60.36 Paul Mardle (Eng)
58.88 Graham Savory (Eng)
Other British: 56.82 Abi Ekoku (Eng), 55.80 Paul Edwards (Wales), 55.02 Darrin Morris (Scot).

HAMMER

RECORDS: World: 86.74m, Yuriy Sedykh (USSR). Commonwealth and British: 77.54, Martin Girven.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
76.32 Sean Carlin (Aus)
73.96 Angus Cooper (NZ)
71.32 Paul Head (Eng)
71.04 Peter Bezeanis (Aus)
70.28 Shane Peacock (Eng)
Other British: 69.12 David Smith (Eng), 67.82 Steve Whyte (Scot).

JAVELIN

RECORDS: World: 87.66m, Jan Zelezny (Cz). Commonwealth and British: 85.90, Steve Backley.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
85.90 Steve Backley (Eng)
83.90 Gavin Lovegrove (NZ)
82.56 Mick Hill (Eng)
79.56 Nigel Bevan (Wales)
Other British: 78.64 Mark Roberson (Eng).

HIGH JUMP

RECORDS: World: 2.44m, Javier Sotomayor (Cuba). Commonwealth: 2.35 indoors, Nick Saunders (Ber, 2.34 outdoors) and Dalton Grant (GB, 2.34 outdoors). British: Grant.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
2.34 Dalton Grant (Eng, 2.35i)
2.32 Troy Kemp (Bah)
2.31 Nick Saunders (Ber, 2.35i)
2.28 Geoff Parsons (Scot)
Other British: 2.24 John Holman (Eng, 2.28i), 2.21 Steve Chapman (Eng), 2.18 Stephen Ritchie (Scot), 2.05 Roger Brehaut (Guer).

POLE VAULT

RECORDS: World: 6.08m, Sergey Bubka (USSR). Commonwealth and British: 5.85, Keith Stock.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
5.60 Doug Wood (Aus)
5.45 Simon Arkell (Aus)
5.40 Andy Ashurst (Eng)
5.40 Bob Ferguson (Can)
Other British: 5.11 Ian Tullett (Eng, 5.20i), 5.01 Matthew Belsham (Eng).

LONG JUMP

RECORDS: World: 8.90m, Bob Beamon (US). Commonwealth: 8.27, Gary Honey (Aus) and Yusuf Alli (Nigeria). British: 8.23, Lynn Davies.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
8.27 Yusuf Ali (Nigeria)
8.14 Stewart Faulkner (Eng)
8.08 Eugene Ugorjah (Gren)
8.07 David Culbert (Aus, 8.33w)
Other British: 8.01 Barrington Williams (Eng, 8.05i), 7.89 John King (Eng), 7.86 Mark Forsythe (N Ire, 8.17w).

TRIPLE JUMP

RECORDS: World: 17.97m, Willie Banks (US). Commonwealth and British: 17.57, Keith Connor.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
17.29 Edrick Floreal (Can)
17.28 Jon Edwards (Eng)
17.18 Andrew Murphy (Aus)
16.94 Joseph Talwo (Nig)
Other British: 16.68 Vernon Samuels (Eng, 16.82w), 15.95 Craig Duncan (Scot), 16.57i John Herbert (Eng).

DECATHLON

RECORDS: World, Commonwealth and British: 8,847pts, Daley Thompson.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
8,317 Mike Smith (Can)
8,039 Simon Poelman (NZ)
7,833 Dean Smith (Aus, wind-assisted))
7,646 Alex Krüger (Eng)
Other British: 7,594 Mark Bishop (Eng), 7,486 Eugene Gilkes (Eng), 7,144 Duncan Mathieson (Scot).

30 KILOMETRES ROAD WALK

RECORDS: World best: 2hr 02min 41sec, Andrey Perlov (USSR). Commonwealth best: 2:05:59, D Smith (Aus). British best: 2:07:56, Ian McCombie.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
2:06:39 Simon Baker (Aus)
2:07:34 Guillaume LeBlanc (Can)
2:10:52 Andrew Jachno (Aus)
2:11:38 Chris Maddocks (Eng)
2:11:43 Ian McCombie (Eng)
2:13:33 Mark Easton (Eng)
Other British: 2:19:12 Steve Partington (IoM).

Women

100 METRES

RECORDS: World: 10.49sec, Florence Griffith-Joyner (US). Commonwealth: 10.87, Merlene Ottey (Jam). British: 11.10, Kathy Cook.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
10.95 Merlene Ottey (Jam)
11.14 Mary Onyali (Nigeria)
11.14 Pauline Davis (Bah)
11.19 Tina Iheagwam (Nigeria, 11.05w)
11.24 Paula Dunn (Eng)
Other British: 11.48 Carmen Price (Wales), 11.49 Sallyanne Short (Wales, 11.36w), 11.58 Helen Miles (Wales, 11.42w), 11.60 Stephanie Douglas (Eng, 11.34w), 11.64 Simmona Jacobs (Eng, 11.38w), 11.82 Janis Neilson (Scot, 11.71w).

200 METRES

RECORDS: World: 21.34sec, Florence Griffith-Joyner (US). Commonwealth: 21.72, Grace Jackson (Jam). British: 22.10, Kathy Cook.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
22.21 Merlene Ottey (Jamaica)
22.45 Mary Onyali (Nigeria)
22.50 Pauline Davis (Bah)
22.82 Falilat Ogunkoya (Nigeria)
British: 23.27 Jennifer Stoute (Eng), 23.43 Paula Dunn (Eng), 23.51 Linda Keough (Eng), 23.60 Sallyanne Short (Wales, 23.40w), 23.97 Janis Neilson (Scot), 23.92w Carmen Price (Wales), 24.55w Helen Miles (Wales).

400 METRES

RECORDS: World: 47.60sec, Marita Koch (EG). Commonwealth and British: 49.43, Kathy Cook.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
50.18 Pauline Davis (Bah)
51.09 Linda Keough (Eng)
51.19 Charity Okpara (Nigeria)
51.22 Falilat Ogunkoya (Nigeria)
51.1 Charmaine Crooks (Can)
Other British: 51.53 Jennifer Stoute (Eng), 52.79 Angela Piggford (Eng).

800 METRES

RECORDS: World: 1min 53.28sec, Jarmila Kratochvilova (Cz). Commonwealth and British: 1:57.42, Kirsty Wade.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
1:59.71 Diane Edwards (Eng)
2:00.1 Ann Williams (Eng)
2:00.61 Sharon Stewart (Aus)
2:00.78 Marcia Tate (Jam)
Other British: 2:01.11 Lorraine Baker (Eng).

1,500 METRES

RECORDS: World: 3min 52.47sec, Tatyana Kazankina (USSR). Commonwealth and British: 3:59.96, Zola Budd.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
4:03.13 Yvonne Murray (Scot)
4:03.18 Angela Chalmers (Can)
4:04.86 Lynn Williams (Can)
4:07.98 Bev Nicholson (Eng)
4:08.14 Lynne Macintyre (Scot)
Other British: 4:09.46 Karen Hutcheson (Scot), 4:10.75 Shireen Bailey (Eng), 4:10.80 Christina Cahill (Eng), 4:17.28 Ursula McKee (N Ire).

3,000 METRES

RECORDS: World: 8min 22.62sec, Tatyana Kazankina (USSR). Commonwealth and British: 8:28.83, Zola Budd.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
8:38.51 Yvonne Murray (Scot)
8:44.93 Liz McColgan (Scot, 8:34.80i)
8:46.64 Angela Chalmers (Can)
8:47.92 Lynn Williams (Can)
8:48.96 Alison Wyeth (Eng)
Other British: 9:00.61 Karen Hutcheson (Scot), 9:01.24 Ruth Partridge (Eng), 9:33.8 Brenda Walker (IoM). 8:53.52 Nicola Morris (Eng).

10,000 METRES

RECORDS: World: 30min 13.74sec, Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor). Commonwealth and British: 31:06.99, Liz McColgan.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
32:00.17 Anne Audain (NZ)
32:12.78 Barbara Moore (NZ)
32:18.53 Ann Hannam (NZ)
32:23.39 Carole Rouillard (Can)
BRITISH: 33:01.6 Jill Hunter (Eng), 33:41.40 Angela Tooby (Wales), 35:02.7 Brenda Walker (IoM). 1988 times: 31:53.36 Wendy Sly (Eng), 32:42.0 Jane Shields (Eng).

MARATHON

RECORDS: World best: 2hr 21min 06sec, Kristiansen, Commonwealth best: 2:23:51, Lisa Martin (Aus). British best: 2:25:56, Veronique Marot.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
2:29:04 Margaruita Buist (NZ)
2:30:21 Lorraine Moller (NZ)
2:31:06 Angie Pain (Eng)
2:31:45 Lynn Harding (Scot)
2:33:04 Sheila Catford (Scot)
2:33:24 Sally Ellis (Eng)
Other British: 2:37:24 Debbie Noy (Eng).
1988 time: 2:37:07 Maria O'Neill (N Ire).

100 METRES HURDLES

RECORDS: World: 12.21sec, Yordanka Donkova (Bul). Commonwealth: 12.78, Julie Rocheleau (Can). British: 12.82, Sally Gunnell.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
13.15 Kay Morley (Wales, 13.13w)
13.23 Hope Obika (Nigeria)
13.25 Lesley-Ann Skeete (Eng)
13.26 Sally Gunnell (Eng)
13.44 Judith Robinson (N Ire)
Other British: 13.80 Louise Fraser (Eng, 13.45w).

400 METRES HURDLES

RECORDS: World: 52.94sec, Marina Stepanova (USSR). Commonwealth: 53.17, Debbie Flintoff-King (Aus). British: 54.03, Sally Gunnell.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
54.42 Debbie Flintoff-King (Aus)
54.64 Sally Gunnell (Eng)
55.45 Maria Usifo (Nigeria)
56.06 Wendy Cearns (Eng)
Other British: 56.61 Elaine McLaughlin (N Ire), 56.70 Lorraine Hanson (Eng).

SHOT

RECORDS: World: 22.63m, Natalya Lisovskaya (USSR). Commonwealth: 19.74, Gael Martin (Aus). British: 19.36, Judy Oakes.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
19.01 Judy Oakes (Eng)
18.45 Myrtle Augee (Eng)
17.45 Yvonne Hanson-Nortey (Eng)
16.88 Astra Vitols (Aus)

DISCUS

RECORDS: World: 76.80, Gabriele Reinsch (EG). Commonwealth and British: 67.48, Meg Ritchie.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
57.92 Lisa-Marie Vizaniari (Aus)
57.86 Jackie McKernan (N Ire)
56.48 Gale Dolegiewicz (Can)
55.00 Astra Vitols (Aus)
54.18 Jane Aucott (Eng)
53.28 Sharon Andrews (Eng)
53.22 Janette Picton (Eng)

JAVELIN

RECORDS: World: 80.00m, Petra Felke (EG). Commonwealth and British: 77.44, Fatima Whitbread.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
72.26 Fatima Whitbread (Eng)
64.78 Laverne Eve (Bah)
61.58 Sue Howland (Aus)
61.54 Sharon Gibson (Eng)
61.34 Tessa Sanderson (Eng)
Other British: 53.12 Caroline White (Wales). 49.52 Nicola Emblem (Scot).

HIGH JUMP

RECORDS: World: 2.09m, Stefka Kostadinova (Bul). Commonwealth: 1.99 indoors (1.98 outdoors), Debbie Brill (Can), 1.98, Vanessa Ward (Aus). British: 1.95, Diana Davies.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
1.98 Vanessa Ward (Aus)
1.91 Deanna Bopf (Aus)
1.90 Tania Murray (NZ)
1.89 Janet Boyle (N Ire)
Other British: 1.88 Diana Davies (Eng), 1.85 Michelle Wheeler (Eng), 1.85 Sharon Hutchings (N Ire), 1.80 Jo Jennings (Eng).

LONG JUMP

RECORDS: World: 7.52m, Galina Chistyakova (USSR). Commonwealth and British: 6.90, Beverly Kinch.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
6.80 Fiona May (Eng, 6.93w)
6.63 Mary Berkeley (Eng, 6.65w)
6.62 Jachnha Bartholomew (Gren)
6.56 Beatrice Utondu (Nigeria)
6.54 Kim Hagger (Eng)

HEPTATHLON

RECORDS: World: 7,291pts, Jackie Joyner-Kersee (US). Commonwealth and British: 6,623, Judy Simpson.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
6,126 Kim Hagger (Eng)
6,118 Sharon Jaklofsky-Smith (Aus)
5,895 Kylie Coombe (Aus)
5,894 Judy Simpson (Eng)
Other British: 5,677 Joanne Mulliner (Eng), 5,364; Shona Urquhart (Scot).

10 KILOMETRES ROAD WALK

RECORDS: World and Commonwealth best: 41min 30sec, Kerry Saxby (Aus). British best: 45:42, Lisa Langford.

1989 BEST PERFORMERS
42:47 Kerry Saxby (Aus)
45:37 Janice McCaffrey (Can)
45:50 Alison Baker (Can)
45:55 Lisa Langford (Eng)
46:02 Lorraine Jachno (Aus)
46:37 Betty Sworowski* (Eng, track)
Other British: 48:49 Helen Elsker (Eng, track).
* 46:30 on road course 31 metres short

Statistics compiled by Barry Trowbridge

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CRICKET

Imran and Wasim score hundreds to frustrate Australia

From John Woodcock, Adelaide

In 40 years of watching cricket in Australia, I have never seen a better partnership than that which Imran Khan and Wasim Akram shared here yesterday. Coming together when Pakistan, in their second innings, were 90 for five (which meant, in real terms, six for five, Australia having gained a first-innings lead of 84) they put on 191 for the sixth wicket and turned a seemingly lost cause into quite a healthy one. At close of play, Pakistan were 273 runs ahead with three wickets left and one day remaining.

Imran's 136 — his sixth and largest Test hundred — was a defensive innings of the very highest quality. Wasim's 123 — his first Test hundred and only his second in first-class cricket — complemented Imran's to perfection. Imran had one life yesterday, Mark Taylor putting him down at first slip off Rackemann, a sharp two-handed chance to Taylor's left, when he was 99. Wasim was not dropped at all, though there were times when he played and missed with abandon.

Imran batted all told for just over eight hours, yesterday in temperatures that climbed into the high-80s. The first time his concentration lapsed, any way noticably, he was out. Wasim played his natural game. The boundaries at the Adelaide Oval, from deep extra cover to wide long on, are the longest of any Test ground in the world. They would be a good 25 yards beyond those at Lord's.

Yet with a full swing of the bat, Wasim had 18 fours and a six, not by making use of the short square boundaries off the back foot but off the front foot to the far horizons. Until yesterday, Wasim's batting average in Test matches was 17. But from now on, Australia will not feel happy until they have seen the back of him. In the end, he drove over a yorker from Campbell. That was 35 minutes after tea. Fifty minutes later, Imran played his first wild stroke and was bowled by Peter Taylor.

Pakistan were then 237 ahead with three wickets standing, a precarious enough position for Salim Malik's 46 not out, made with a broken thumb, to matter a lot. The Australians, for their part, kept plugging away, industriously but without much in the way of variation. After his great burst on Sunday, Hughes's figures yesterday of one for 87 in 18 overs provided a telling contrast.

The great all-rounders of the Eighties were Botham, Hadlee, Kapil Dev and Imran. If South Africa had played Test cricket, Rice would have been ranked with them. Of the first four, Imran is now the best batsman among them.

When he lost Javed, after 35 minutes play yesterday morning, it seemed unlikely that Pakistan would survive the day. Javed had spent nearly three hours making 21, only partly because his back was troubling him. Brilliant player that he undoubtedly is, he is sometimes a little openchested when playing back, and it was this that found him out, Hughes getting one to lift and Javed being caught in the gully.

Since Wasim was a teenager, Imran has predicted great things for him. There is no other stroke in the game quite like the tall left-hander's flowing cover drive. Woolley, Pollock, Davidson, Clive Lloyd, Hadlee and Adelaide's own David Hookes have all played it. Yesterday, Wasim kept producing it at its best. If he goes on like this he, too, is sure to become a renowned all-rounder.

PAKISTAN: First Innings 257 (Javed Miandad 52, Wasim Akram 52; C G Rackemann 4 for 40).

Second Innings

Shoaib Mohammad c Healy b Hughes	0
Ramiz Raja c Waugh b Hughes	2
†Saleem Yousuf c M A Taylor b Hughes	1
Ijaz Ahmed c P L Taylor b Hughes	4
*Imran Khan b P L Taylor	136
Javed Miandad c P L Taylor b Hughes	21
Wasim Akram b Campbell	123
Salim Malik not out	46
Tauseef Ahmed not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 3)	13
Total (7 wkts)	357

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-2, 3-7, 4-22, 5-90, 6-281, 7-316.

BOWLING: Hughes 32-9-111-5 (w1 nb2); Campbell 29-5-83-1; Rackemann 32-11-72-0 (nb1); P Taylor 36-13-77-1; Border 4-0-5-0.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 341 (D M Jones 116, M A Taylor 77; Wasim Akram 5 for 100).

Azharuddin's century

New Plymouth (AP) — Mohammed Azharuddin, the new captain, hit a superb 159 as the Indians made a strong start to their tour of New Zealand by racing to 431 for six at the close of playyesterday, the opening day of the four-day match against the President's XI.

The President's XI included a number of players on the verge of Test selection, but the Indian batsmen dominated the New Zealand bowlers. Vijay Chandrasekhar, the opening batsman, hit 92, while Sanjay Manjrekar made 80.

At the close, the all-rounder Kapil Dev was unbeaten on 25 with the wicket-keeper, Kiran More, on one.

INDIANS: First Innings

V Chandrasekhar c Thomson b Larsen	92
N S Sidhu c White b Thomson	23
S V Manjrekar c Parore b Thomson	80
*M Azharuddin c Bradburn b Thomson	159
S R Tendulkar c Richardson b Millmow	13
M Prabhakar c Douglas b Millmow	24
Kapil Dev not out	25
†K S More not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 3)	14
Total (6 wkts)	431

V Razdan, N Hirwani and V Raju to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-150, 3-268, 4-298, 5-394, 6-430.

BOWLING: Millmow 18-2-90-2; Thomson 24-5-84-3; Rutherford 3-0-29-0; Snedden 12-2-48-0; Larsen 19-6-53-1; Richardson 11-0-45-0; Bradburn 13-1-73-0.

PRESIDENT'S XI: S Thomson, K R Rutherford, G Bradburn, G Larsen, A Parore, M Richardson, J Millmow, D White, M Douglas, M C Snedden and K Wealleans.

Warming up: the fast bowler, Neil Foster, a member of Mike Gatting's team on a six-week tour in South Africa, has a net in Johannesburg yesterday. Richard Streeton, page 44

Francis is as fresh and eager as ever

By Martin Searby

Trevor Francis, aged 35, will sign for Sheffield Wednesday today as full of enthusiasm for scoring goals as he was on his League debut for Birmingham as a 16-year-old, when he was marked by his new manager, Ron Atkinson.

Francis, who has made 516 League appearances and scored 186 goals, including three this season for Queen's Park Rangers in a match at Aston Villa, is recovering from a hernia operation but hopes to be match fit within a fortnight. If all goes to plan, he will make his first appearance for Wednesday at Hillsborough against Millwall.

The former England forward vehemently denied newspaper reports that he will be paid £4,000 a game, and said: "I had offers from four first division clubs and several in the second, and Wednesday's was not the best. But I admire Ron Atkinson and the way his teams play and, after looking at all the options, including some invitations to return to management, I opted for Sheffield where a club nearer my Wentworth home might have been more convenient."

Atkinson, who has tried to sign Francis on three previous occasions when in charge at West Bromwich and Manchester United (twice), said: "I contacted Trevor immediately he got the sack at Rangers. He can do a job for us once he is match fit and players of his calibre are not readily available."

Francis said: "I proved I could do it in the first division this season and I got as big a thrill from scoring those three goals at Villa Park as I did when I scored four for Birmingham as a 16-year-old, and these are the things that drive me on. I have not lost any love of the game and I still have a real will to play. It's certainly not pounds, shillings and pence because football has been kind to me over the years. I have been setting myself training programmes and Ian Porterfield let me work out with Reading, so what I really need is a couple of games."

FOOTBALL

Wright is charged with bringing down the game

By Louise Taylor

Mark Wright, of Derby County, and Paul Hardyman, of Sunderland, have been charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the Football Association. Wright, an England defender, is in trouble regarding remarks he allegedly made to Robbie Hart, the referee, after being sent off at Manchester United 10 days ago.

Hardyman has been charged with misconduct after the final whistle at Ayresome Park two Sundays ago when he allegedly caught Mark Proctor, of Middlesbrough, in the face with an elbow. Both players have 14 days in which to request personal hearings.

Crystal Palace appear poised to enter the transfer market in order to compensate for the absence of Ian Wright, the England B forward who will be in plaster for a minimum of six weeks after sustaining a cracked fibula in Saturday's 2-0 home defeat to Liverpool.

The loss of Wright, who has scored 11 goals so far this season, and claimed 33 last year, represents a big problem for Palace, only six places off the foot of the first division. Their problems have been exacerbated by the news that McGoldrick, a winger, will also be sidelined for six weeks with knee trouble.

Tony Cottee, the transfer-listed Everton forward, had previously been linked with Palace and a possible exchange deal involving Wright, but Ron Noades, the Selhurst Park chairman, was not prepared to comment on the likelihood of Palace making an offer for Cottee yesterday.

Swindon Town, third in the second division and already at the centre of an alleged betting scandal, could be demoted to the third division at the end of the season if allegations of irregular payments to players in breach of League rules are substantiated at a forthcoming League inquiry.

The latest allegation is an improper £5,000 share-out at the County Ground last month. Andy Williamson, the League's assistant secretary confirmed: "Earlier this week we received a report about certain irregularities at Swindon and we have written to the club to request their observations on the revelations."

Whitehurst is signed

Sheffield United have agreed to sign Billy Whitehurst, of Hull City, for £35,000. The centre forward, aged 30, is intended as cover for Agana and Deane, United's regular attacking duo, following the sale of Francis to Burnley last week.

Blackpool yesterday invested £85,000 in reinforcing their attack with two forwards. Paul Groves arrives from Leicester City for £60,000, along with Carl Richards, a £25,000 purchase from Peterborough.

Barnet, the GM Vauxhall Conference club, have strengthened their South American connection by giving an extended trial to Luciano Faraco, aged 22, the Brazilian centre forward.

Gary Bannister, the Coventry City forward, is to have his written transfer request considered by the board of directors.

Mark Wright, the Derby defender, has been charged by the Football Association of bringing the game into disrepute, following remarks he made to referee Robbie Hart after being sent off against Manchester United, at Old Trafford on January 13.

West Bromwich Albion are likely to be without Wayne Dobbins, the defender, and Bernard McNally, the midfield player, for Saturday's FA Cup tie with Charlton Athletic at the Hawthorns.

FA VASE: Fifth round draw: Farsley Celtic or St Helens Town v Guiseley; Rushden Town v Emley or Warrington Town; Great Yarmouth Town v Bourne Town or Spalding United; Bridlington Town v Hucknall Town; Billericay Town v Potton United or Hastings Town; Paulton Rovers v Yeading; Abingdon Town v Hythe Town or Collier Row; Harefield United or Greenwich Borough v Bashley.
Matches to be played on February 10.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wembley date set for Australians

By Keith Macklin

The first international of the Australian tour of Great Britain will be played at Wembley on Saturday October 27.

Rugby League officials had planned the match for either Saturday or Sunday and have opted for Saturday because the game will be treated as a big event and will be the centrepiece of BBC TV *Grandstand* coverage on that day.

● Gary Charlton, the Whitehaven forward, who was suspended indefinitely for a head-high tackle on Graham Steadman, the Castleford stand-off half, will have his appeal against the ban heard on Thursday. On the same afternoon, St Helens will appeal against the £10,000 fine imposed on the club for failing to fulfil a home fixture against Bradford Northern. The coach at the time, Alex Murphy, said that the club had so many injuries that a competitive team could not be fielded.

● Oldham have beaten several Lancashire rivals to sign Paddy Mitchell, the 16-year-old England schoolboys centre, from local amateur club Saddleworth Rangers. Mitchell has signed on amateur forms but he will turn professional on Friday, his seventeenth birthday.

● The Silk Cut Challenge Cup match between Bradford Northern and Runcorn Highfield on Sunday has been switched from Runcorn to Valley Parade, Bradford, to accommodate the large crowd that is expected.

TABLE TENNIS

Andrew in the hot seat

Skylet Andrew, the No. 4, has his big chance to show whether his skilful serving and fierce forehand are good enough to rescue England when he is brought into the line-up for the crucial European Superleague contest against Yugoslavia at Vranje today (Richard Eaton writes).

The left-handed Londoner is one of two unusual selection gambles by Donald Parker, the captain, who has omitted Carl Prean, his leading player, in the hope that fresh players can pull off the surprise victory his team needs to avoid relegation.

Prean, like Zoran Primorac, Ilije Lupulescu, and Jasna Fazlic, took part in the European Top 12 tournament in Hanover at the weekend. If the three leading Yugoslavs are included in their country's team they will have had to endure an air flight and a 300-mile journey by train or road from Belgrade.

The other surprise England inclusion is Fiona Elliot, the No. 3, who beat Fazlic in the French Open last season. Elliot, Andrew, and Alan Cooke, the English national champion, have been in Yugoslavia since Sunday, resting and practising.

GOLF

Jacobsen ponders his Classic win

From Patricia Davies, Palm Springs

Philosophy and film-making were just two of the unconventional subjects touched upon by Peter Jacobsen after he won the 31st Bob Hope Chrysler Classic over the Palmer Course at PGA West, La Quinta, on Sunday.

It had been a long time since his last tour victory, another event with a showbusiness tag, the Sammy Davis jun Greater Hartford Open, in 1984, and perhaps he was just not aware what players generally attribute their wins to "holing a bunch of putts" and "hitting the ball well".

They do not, as a rule, reveal, as Jacobsen did, that he had said to his caddie on leaving the 17th green, knowing he was likely to need a birdie four to win: "We need a little true gravity and to look at this with the inner eye."

Mike Cowan, who has caddied for Jacobsen since 1977, his first year on tour, and accepts his eccentricities, did not bat an eyelid, for he, too, is a great believer in the philosophical book his boss was referring to, *Golf in the Kingdom* by Michael Murphy.

Jacobsen and Jack Lemmon, the actor and his golfing friend for some years, hope to acquire the rights to the book and make a film. "I hope it's going to explain this game to the masses," Jacobsen said.

Jacobsen needed no explanations about the situation he faced at the 18th on Sunday. Ahead of him, Scott Simpson, the former US Open champion, was just failing to chip in for an eagle three and Brian Tennyson had missed a five-foot putt for a birdie. They were both on 20 under par, level with Jacobsen, who had started the day two shots in front and had few doubts about the outcome.

"I thought I was going to have a birdie," he said. "I brought in my Lee Trevino impression and sliced it a little with my three-iron [his second shot], to about 30 feet from the hole." Two putts and the title and $180,000 were his.

RESULTS: (US unless stated): 339: P Jacobsen, 67, 66, 69, 66, 71. 340: B Tennyson, 73, 68, 66, 67, 66; S Simpson, 68, 69, 67, 68, 68. 341: T Simpson, 70, 70, 67, 68, 66; T Schulz, 70, 66, 69, 67, 69; T Kite, 70, 69, 64, 69, 69. 342: D Love, 67, 72, 67, 69, 67; R Tway, 67, 68, 69, 69, 69. 343: R Wadkins, 71, 70, 65, 71, 66; S Hoch, 68, 69, 69, 68, 69; W Glasson, 67, 71, 71, 65, 69; A Magee, 68, 69, 68, 68, 69. 344: J Thorpe, 68, 68, 71, 70, 67; S Elkington (Aus), 70, 67, 65, 69, 73. 345: L Mize, 69, 68, 69, 72, 67; C Beck, 68, 69, 68, 74, 66; J D Blake, 69, 70, 71, 67, 68; L Clements, 69, 67, 70, 70, 69. British score: 354: A Lyle, 72, 72, 66, 70, 74.

Empty feeling as day lost to extra pro-am

From John Hennessy, Montego Bay

It may seem churlish to express any qualification about a call of duty from the Caribbean. Jamaica is so beautiful, the weather so beguiling, the people so welcoming, the Tryall golf course in Montego Bay so full of fascination that the Jamaica Classic last week, opening the Ladies Professional Golf Association of America calendar, should have given total satisfaction.

But a 54-hole tournament, especially one with the enormous prize fund of $500,000, leaves the feeling of an appetite not fully appeased. On Sunday, when Patty Sheehan struggled home to win the $75,000 first prize, plus another $80,000 in Jamaica Series bonuses, it was as though one had come to the end of a book and found a last chapter missing. It was like a Wimbledon men's final decided over three sets.

It makes so little sense to lose the fourth round of such an important event in order to accommodate a second pro-am, that there could be only one explanation — an obeisance to the mighty dollar.

The pro-ams, trading on people's vanity, are a lucrative form of revenue, and many genuine golfers take a competitive part. But duffers are habitually invited to make fools of themselves, at a price, and the kind of format that drew them to Montego Bay, a Texas scramble, was particularly artificial. A single round of that kind of garbage golf, where an amateur will often play not a single shot that matters, should have been more than enough.

As it was, the Jamaica Classic limped to a foregone conclusion once Sheehan had established a five-stroke lead after two days. She would have had a more demanding test of character over 72 holes.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 212: P Sheehan, 69, 68, 75. 215: L Connelly, 74, 68, 73; J Geddes, 73, 73, 69; P Bradley, 74, 74, 67. 216: M Spencer-Devlin, 76, 72, 68; P Rizzo, 72, 75, 69. 217: M Will, 79, 70, 68; A Ritzman, 76, 68, 73; M Bertolotti, 69, 75, 73. 218: J Anschutz, 76, 73, 69; D Richard, 72, 76, 70; J Stephenson (Aus), 72, 76, 70; R Walton, 74, 71, 73. European scores: 219: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), 74, 74, 71. 224: P Wright (GB), 75, 73, 76; L Neumann (Swe), 68, 80, 76. 227: L Davies (GB), 80, 75, 72.

Dobson in junior team

Helen Dobson, the Avia Golfer of 1989, has been selected for the England junior team for the Vilmorin Cup at St Cloud, near Paris, on April 11 to 12 (Mitchell Platts writes).

Dobson enjoyed a remarkable summer when she won the English championship in May, the British women's championship in June, the English girls' championship in August and the British Women's Strokeplay championship.

There is no question that Dobson, who was also in the Great Britain and Ireland team which won the Vagliano Trophy in 1989, will be a member of the GB and Ireland team which will attempt to win the Curtis Cup, at Somerset Hills, New Jersey, on July 28 and 29, for a third successive time.

VILMORIN CUP TEAM: H Dobson (Seacroft), L Fairclough (Chorley), A MacDonald (Andover), S Morgan (Hearsall). Non-playing captain: J Rhodes (West Bowling). Reserves: R Boles (Beau Desert), A Johns (Boston), C Hall (Filton), L Walton (Calcot Park). England Junior Elite Squad: Boles, N Buxton (Woodsome Hall), Dobson, Fairclough, Hall, Johns, MacDonald, Morgan, K Speak (Clitheroe), Walton.

BOXING

Sky TV signs up Tyson for two years

Sky Television is to broadcast liveMike Tyson's bout against Buster Douglas in Tokyo on February 10 (Louise Taylor writes). The exclusive transmission represents the first contest in a two-year contract that gives the satellite company first refusal to televise Tyson's bouts live to a British audience.

Bill Cayton, the manager of the world heavyweight champion, and Sky officials confirmed in London yesterday that they are finalizing the contractual details of Tyson's meeting with Evander Holyfield in Atlantic City on June 18.

Frank Bruno, who announced plans to marry his girlfriend, Laura Mooney, on February 5, said he also planned to meet Tyson again.

Cayton poured scorn on suggestions that Gary Mason, Bruno's stablemate, might challenge Tyson soon: "Mason is not ready and would have to wait quite a long time yet."

AC Milan revival continues

Overseas football by Keith Blackmore

The leading role played by foreigners in the Italian first division was thrown into relief by the latest round of matches this weekend.

Marco van Basten, the Dutch forward who plays for AC Milan, scored twice as his team beat Udinese, his fourth and fifth goals in the last two matches. They made him the leading scorer in the league with 12, one more than each of the leading Italians, Schillaci, of Juventus, and Baggio, of Fiorentina. His latest spate of scoring has coincided with a remarkable return to form by his club, which has won nine and drawn one of its last 10 matches.

That sequence has carried the European Cup holders to third place, one point behind Inter Milan and three behind Naples. Both the leaders also relied heavily on their imported talent. Maradona, of Argentina, scored one of the goals as Naples beat Verona (the other was an own goal) and Matthäus, of West Germany, went one better for Inter, scoring both their goals in the 2-0 win against **Sampdoria**.

The leaders of the Spanish first division, **Real Madrid**, also had to rely on foreign help to draw against **Sporting Gijón**. A goal by Sánchez, of Mexico, five minutes from the end, salvaged a point after an indifferent performance by Real. Sánchez has scored 20 goals this season, five more than his nearest rival, another foreigner. Anton Polster, of Austria, who scored for **Seville** as they beat **Tenerife**. Another imported player, Rinat Dassaev, of the Soviet Union, also distinguished himself for Seville, saving a penalty.

Barcelona took sole possession of second place by beating **Real Valladolid** with a goal by Bakero, while their nearest pursuers, **Atlético Madrid** and **Valencia** drew.

Baltazar de Morais, the Brazilian forward who was the leading scorer in Spain last season, missed a penalty for Atlético, his second such lapse in two matches.

The first division programme in The Netherlands resumed after the winter break but the leaders, **PSV Eindhoven**, did not at once impress, only managing a draw with **Den Bosch**. **Roda JC** moved into second place by beating **Twente Enschede**.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

BELGIAN: Waregem 0, Anderlecht 5; Racing Mechelen 1, Charleroi 1; Ekeren 2, Kortrijk 0; FC Liège 0, Cercle Bruges 0; FC Bruges 2, Standard Liège 1; Beveren 0, St Truiden 0; Ghent 0, Mechelen 0; Lierse 3, Beerschot 2; Antwerp 5, Lokeren 0. Leading positions (after 18 games): 1, Anderlecht, 28pts; 2, Club Bruges, 28; 3, Mechelen 26.

DUTCH: Haarlem 2, Volendam 1; Willem II 1, MVV Maastricht 1; NEC 1, Sparta 2; Fortuna Sittard 0, Vitesse 0; Roda JC 2, Twente Enschede 0; BVV Den Bosch 1, PSV Eindhoven 1; FC Groningen 1, RKC Waalwijk 2; Fejenoord 0, FC Utrecht 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 18, 26pts; 2, Roda JC, 19, 25; 3, Ajax, 18, 24.

GREEK: Levadiakos 1, Apollon 0; Doxa Drama 0, Panionios 0; Kalamaria 0, AEK 0; OFI Crete 1, Olympiakos 1; PAOK 2, Panathinaikos 1; Panserraikos 0, Aris 0; Ethnikos 1, Xanthi 0; Ionikos 0, Iraklis 0; Larissa 2, Volos 0. Leading positions (after 17 games): 1, AEK, 26; 2, Olympiakos, 26.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 1, Juventus 2; Atalanta 3, Roma 0; Bari 0, Bologna 0; Cesena 4, Lecce 0; Genoa 1, Cremonese 0; Inter 2, Sampdoria 0; Lazio 1, Fiorentina 1; Naples 2, Verona 0; Udinese 0, AC Milan 2. Leading positions: 1, Naples, played 21, 32pts; 2, Internazionale, 21, 30; 3, AC Milan, 20, 29.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 2, University College Dublin 0; Derry City 1, Bohemians 0; Dundalk 4, Shelbourne 3; Galway United 3, Limerick City 0; St Patrick's Athletic 2, Drogheda United 1; Shamrock Rovers 2, Athlone Town 1. Leading positions: 1, St Patrick's, played 23, 35pts; 2, Derry City, 21, 33; 3, Dundalk, 21, 30.

PORTUGUESE: Belenenses 0, Benfica 0; Guimaraes 2, Portimonense 0; Beira Mar 0, Porto 1; Setubal 1, Sporting 1; Tirsense 0, Chaves 1; Nacional Madeira 1, Penafiel 1. Leading positions (after 17 games): 1, Porto, 29pts; 2, Guimaraes, 28; 3, Benfica, 27.

SPANISH: Castellón 1, Real Oviedo 1; Real Mallorca 2, Osasuna 2; Barcelona 1, Real Valladolid 0; Rayo Vallecano 2, Real Zaragoza 2; Real Sociedad 0, Athletic Bilbao 0; Tenerife 1, Seville 2; Celta 1, Malaga 1; Logroñés 1, Cadiz 1; Atlético Madrid 1, Valencia 1; Sporting Gijón 1, Real Madrid 1. Leading positions (after 20 games): Real Madrid, 32pts; Barcelona, 27; Atlético Madrid, 26.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SINDELFINGEN: International indoor meeting: Men: 60m: 1, L McRae (US), 6.61sec; 2, P Pavoni (It), 6.64. 3,000m: B Zorko (Yug), 7min 46.27sec. 60m hurdles: 1, I Kassanov (USSR), 7.58sec; 2, R Nehemiah (US), 7.82. High jump: 1, G Avdeyenko (USSR), 2.35m; 2, R Povarnizyn (USSR), 2.30; 3, J Cater (US), 2.30. Pole vault: 1, S Bubka (USSR), 5.80m; 2, V Bubka (USSR), 5.60. Long jump: L Myricks (US), 8.08m. Women: 60m: 1, S Möller (EG), 7.20sec; 2, N Cooman (Neth), 7.33. 200m: Möller, 23.37. 400m: G Abt (WG), 54.71. High jump: H Henkel-Redetzky (WG), 1.97.
TROON: Scottish Western District cross country championship: 1, T Murray (Greenock Glenpark) 40min 28sec; 2, E Stewart (Cambuslang), 41:09.
GALASHIELS: Scottish Eastern District cross country championship: 1, S Hale (Perth Strathtay), 39min 11sec; 2, C Haskett (Dundee Hawkhill) 39:28. Team: Dundee Hawkhill.
CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUES: North East (at Sunderland): 1, S Cram (Jarrow and Hebburn), 27min 54sec; 2, M McLeod (Elswick), 28:12. Team: Morpeth. Kent (at Canterbury): 1, B Royden (Medway), 28:47; 2, N Brawn (Invicta East Kent), 28:11. Team: Invicta East Kent.
HORSHAM: Indoor meeting: Women: High jump: J Bennett (Epsom and Ewell), 1.85m.

BADMINTON

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Division 1B: Devon 13, Essex 4. Division 2A: Derbyshire 14, Upper Strathclyde 3; Yorkshire II 6, Lancashire II 11. Division 2B: Hampshire 11, Sussex 8; Middlesex 13, South Glamorgan 4.

BASKETBALL

COCA-COLA NATIONAL CUP: Women's second round: Kingston 50, Ipswich, 49; Kirklees 48, Gateshead 42; Sheffield 81, Wirral 49; Stockport 55, Sunderland 52; Crystal Palace 77, Camberley 48; London Jets 62, Brixton 75; Northampton 91, London YMCA 60; Nottingham 67, Leicester 49. Men's National Trophy: First round: Calderdale 49, Manchester 61; Greenwich 85, Watford 108; Kirklees 94, Middlesbrough 95; Swindon 80, Cardiff 78.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Los Angeles Lakers 107, Detroit Pistons 97; Chicago Bulls 117, New York Knicks 109; Milwaukee Bucks 127, Miami Heat 101; Golden State Warriors 120, Boston Celtics 115; Portland Trail Blazers 115, Charlotte Hornets 100.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Knicks	26	13	.667	—
Boston Celtics	23	15	.605	2½
Philadelphia 76ers	22	16	.579	3½
Washington Bullets	14	25	.359	12
New Jersey Nets	12	27	.308	14
Miami Heat	9	32	.220	18
Central division				
Chicago Bulls	26	13	.667	—
Detroit Pistons	26	14	.650	½
Milwaukee Bucks	23	16	.590	3
Indiana Pacers	22	17	.564	4
Atlanta Hawks	18	18	.500	6½
Cleveland Cavaliers	16	21	.432	9
Orlando Magic	11	27	.289	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah Jazz	26	11	.703	—
San Antonio Spurs	25	11	.694	½
Denver Nuggets	23	17	.575	4½
Dallas Mavericks	19	20	.487	8
Houston Rockets	18	20	.474	8½
Charlotte Hornets	8	29	.216	18
Minnesota Timberwolves	7	30	.189	19
Pacific division				
Los Angeles Lakers	28	9	.757	—
Portland Trail Blazers	27	11	.711	1½
Phoenix Suns	21	14	.600	6
Los Angeles Clippers	18	19	.486	10
Seattle SuperSonics	18	19	.486	10
Golden State Warriors	17	21	.447	11½
Sacramento Kings	9	27	.250	18½

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: Marsden Cup (traditional toboggans): 1, M Melcher (Switz), 162.15sec; 2, U Nater (Switz), 165.08; 3, U Mueller (Switz), 165.09; 4, W Shipton (GB), 169.76. Knapp Cup: 1, G Cattaneo (Switz), 159.74; 2, U Nater, 161.53; 3, A Ionesco (Sp), 161.75; 4, M Pitsch (Switz), 162.46.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Devonport: Tasmania 229 and 272; South Australia 381 and 121-5. South Australia won by 5 wickets. Brisbane: Queensland 449 and 193-4 dec (G M Ritchie 83, R B Kerr 58); Western Australia 350-9 dec and 81-1. Match drawn.
RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgetown: Barbados 452-8 dec; Guyana 231 (C Hooper 102, C Lambert 51) and 203-8 (E Moseley 4-40). Port of Spain: Trinidad and Tobago 88 and 188 (N Guishard 5-24); Leeward Islands 145 and 43-1. Castries: Windward Islands v Jamaica — no play on first three days.

CROQUET

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: GB and Ireland lead New Zealand, 4-2 (GB and Ireland names first): K Fulford and S Mulliner bt P Skinley and G Beale, +21, +17; D Openshaw and M Avery lost to J Prince and S Jones, -11, -13; C Irwin and M Saurin bt J Hogan and R Jackson, +7, +16; Avery lost to Jackson, +7, -17(TP), -17(TP); Openshaw bt Skinley, +26, -10, +17; Irwin bt Jones, +3, +26; Saurin lost to G Beale, +16, -4, -17.

CYCLING

ANTWERP: Six-day race (after three days): 1, E De Wilde and E Vanderaerden (Bel), 178pts; 2, one lap behind, P Bincoletto and G Bontempi (It), 192; 3, D Clark (Aus) and J Bruyneel (Bel), 182. 4, three laps behind, S Tourne (Bel) and K Khrabzov (USSR), 166; 5, six laps behind, V Djerl and U Bolten (WG), 75.

CYCLO-CROSS

BEAUVALE CC (Eastwood, Nottingham, 11 miles): G Lee (Chesterfield Coureurs), 50:30. **Brecon Wheelers** (Glasbury-on-Wye, 12 miles): R Everson (RAF CC), 49:00. **CC La Zouch** (Coalville, Leics, 15 miles): S Knight (Halesowen A and CC), 1:05.00. **Dursley RC** (Stroud, 9 miles): I Tremlett (Avon and Somerset Police CC), 54:08. **Huddersfield Star Wheelers** (Woodhouse Hill, 12 miles): C Young (Ever Ready), 1:04:53. **Newcastle Cheviot CC** (Wallsend, 12 miles): A May (Cleveland Tnatn), 57:00; **New Forest CC** (Lymington, 16 miles): P Bowley (GS Europa), 1:08:45; **St Helens CRC** (Sherdley Park, 10 miles): P Middleton (VC Oldham), 45:14

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Reading 3, Fulham 3.

GOLF

JOHANNESBURG: Lexington PGA tournament (South Africa unless stated): 266: F Allem, 61, 71, 67, 67. 268: C Davison, 65, 71, 65, 67. 269: R Kaplan, 67, 70, 67, 65. 271: T Dodds, 68, 69, 68, 66; T Johnstone (Zim), 63, 69, 70, 69; W Westner, 67, 70, 67, 67; R Freeman (US), 72, 65, 63, 71; W Bradley, 64, 65, 71, 71.
LUSAKA: Zambia Open championship: 284: G J Brand, 70, 74, 68, 72. 288: C Mattman, 71, 74, 75, 68; P Golding, 71, 73, 70, 74. 289: P Carman, 78, 72, 72, 67; P Carrigill, 75, 72, 72, 70; S Richardson, 75, 67, 75, 72. 290: L Jones, 73, 77, 72, 68; J Robinson, 72, 72, 77, 69; M Litton, 74, 73, 72, 71.
SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 17.57; 2, N Faldo (Eng), 16.17; 3, S Ballesteros (Sp), 15.03; 4, C Strange (US), 13.95; 5, P Stewart (US), 12.77; 6, T Kite (US), 12.53; 7, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 12.00; 8, I Woosnam (Wales), 11.48; 9, P Azinger (US), 11.45; 10, M Calcavecchia (US), 11.35.

HOCKEY

AMIENS: France 1, Ireland 0; France 1, Ireland 3.
SUSSEX CUP: Semi-final: East Grinstead 5, Worthing 0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bedford 2, Hitchin 1; Bloxham 1, Rugby 1; Colston's 2, Prior Park 1; Clayesmore 1, Oakham 0; Churcher's 2, Portsmouth GS 0; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 1, Aldenham 0; Kingswood 5, Dauntsey's 0; St Lawrence, Ramsgate 2, Duke of York RMS 2; Tonbridge 2, Dulwich 2; Trent 7, Solihull 0; Trinity, Croydon 2, Langley Park 0; Rochester Maths 3, Skinners 3; Reigate GS 5, Royal Russell 0; Berkhamsted 2, Haileybury 2; Canford 4, King's, Bruton 1; Sir Roger Manwood's 0, Sutton Valence 0; Cranleigh 2, King's, Canterbury 0; High Wycombe RGS 2, Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 0; Dover 0, Kent College 5; Dean Close 1, Taunton 2; Queen's, Taunton 1, Wells Cathedral 4.

ICE HOCKEY

PITTSBURGH: National League (NHL) All-Star game: Wales Conference 12, Campbell Conference 7.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division	W	L	D	Pts
New York Islanders	23	21	4	50
New Jersey Devils	22	21	4	48
Pittsburgh Penguins	21	21	4	46
New York Rangers	18	21	9	45
Washington Capitals	20	24	4	44
Philadelphia Flyers	18	23	7	43
Adams division				
Boston Bruins	27	16	5	59
Buffalo Sabres	25	16	6	56
Montreal Canadiens	24	19	6	54
Hartford Whalers	21	21	5	47
Quebec Nordiques	9	31	6	24

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division	W	L	D	Pts
Chicago Black Hawks	27	17	4	58
Toronto Maple Leafs	25	22	1	51
Minnesota North Stars	22	24	3	47
St Louis Blues	20	21	6	46
Detroit Red Wings	16	25	6	38
Smythe division				
Edmonton Oilers	24	15	9	57
Calgary Flames	22	15	13	57
Winnipeg Jets	22	20	5	49
Los Angeles Kings	21	21	5	47
Vancouver Canucks	14	27	8	36

LUGE

SARAJEVO: World Cup: Women: 1, G Weissensteiner (It), 2min 1.987sec; 2, J Antipova (USSR), 2:02.348; 3, S Erdmann (EG), 2:02.551. Men: Pairs: 1, H Raffl and N Huber (It), 1min 20.709sec; 2, N Rosenberger and D Schubert (WG), 1:21.323; 3, S Ilsanker and G Hackl (WG), 1:21.435. Overall: 1, Raffl and Huber, 43; 2, Ilsanker and Hackl, 26; 3, Mankel and Rudolph (EG), 25. World Cup: 1, Hackl, 117pts; 2, Prock, 94; 3, Huber, 86.

RACKETS

NEW YORK RACKET CLUB: US Amateur championships: First round: R Power bt N Russell, 15-18, 15-4, 15-0, 15-0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Eton bt Harrow, 4-2 (A Smith-Bingham and J Larken bt A Orchard and C Danby, 15-9, 7-15, 18-13, 15-6, 18-17, 15-2); Tonbridge bt Charterhouse, 4-1 (P Le Marchand and G Constant bt R Tate and T Bristowe, 15-3, 6-15, 15-6, 15-10, 15-4).

SQUASH RACKETS

CALCUTTA: Asian championships: Singles finals: Men: Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt Farhan Samiullah (Pak), 9-6, 10-8, 9-2. Women: Mah Li Lian (Sing) bt D Olsen (HK), 9-3, 9-2, 9-3.
GRANTHAM: E M Electricity Grantham open championships: Finals: Men: C van der Wath (SA) bt A Hands (Essex), 8-10, 9-6, 9-2, 9-6; Women: S Brady (Aus) bt J Dimmock (Northants), 9-1, 9-5, 9-1.

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON: Torpedo Tournament: Semi finals: B Jury and P Muddyman bt F Myers and P Bromwich, 6-2; R Paull and J Terry bt C Wade and N Hyde, 6-3; Final: Jury and Muddyman bt Paull and Terry, 6-2
SEACOURT: George Wimpey British women's masters (over-40): Semi-finals: S Macintosh bt J Vaughan, 5-6, 6-2, 6-1; F Syson bt L Davies, 6-2, 6-1. Final: Syson bt Macintosh, 4-6, 6-5, 6-2.
J D WARD NATIONAL LEAGUE: Petworth 2, Hampton Court 1 (Hampton Court first): C Ronaldson lost to C Bray, 0-6, 6-1, 4-6; M Hayward bt P Brake, 6-4, 6-2; A Oliver lost to A Page, 4-6, 4-6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BARLA NATIONAL CUP: Preliminary round: Hornsey Lambs 18, Eighland Wells 6; London Colonials 28, Firths 6; South London 56, Bridge Inn 6; East Leeds 52, Cheltenham 6; Bath33, Hoyland 6.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Embassy World Championship first qualifying round: N Bond (Eng) leads B Werbeniuk (Can), 8-1; J Wattana (Thai) leads J Grech (Malta), 7-2; B Gallan (Cana) leads C Everton (Wales), 8-1; P Watchorn (Eire) leads B Kelly (Eire), 6-3; B Morgan (Eng) leads D Heaton (Eng), 9-0; I Brumby (Eng) leads B Demarco (Scot), 7-2; G Jenkins (Aus) leads G Foulds (Eng), 5-4; S Murphy (Eire) leads B Mikkelsen (Can), 6-3; A Cairns (Eng) leads B Bennett (Eng), 5-4; B Pinches (Eng) leads M Parkin (Eng), 9-0; J Rea (N Ire) leads P Burk (Eire), 5-4; N Dyson (Eng) leads I Black (Scot), 5-4; D Campbell (Scot) leads D Greaves (Eng), 6-3; D Mienie (SA) leads J Meadowcroft (Eng), 8-1.

SPEEDSKATING

HEERENVEEN, Netherlands: Men: European championships: Positions: 1, B Veldkamp (Neth) 160.110 pts; 2, T Gustafson (Swe) 160.347; 3, L Visser (Neth) 160.504; 4, J Koss (Norway) 160.534; 5, B van de Burg (Neth) 160.744. 10,000m: 1, B Veldkamp 14:01.08; 2, T Bos (Neth) 14:03.01; 3, G Karlstad (Nor) 14:05.45; 4, L Visser, 14:06.95; 5, R Sighel (It) 14:10.52. Women's positions: 1, G Kleemann (EG) 170.822 pts; 2, J Boerner (EG) 173.333; 3; H Schalling (EG) 177.788; 4, S Bojko (USSR) 175.872; 5, H Meijer (Neth) 175.708; 5,000m: 1, G Kleemann (EG) 7:24.76; 2, H Schalling (EG) 7:31.53; 3, J Boerner (EG) 7:35.90; 4, S Bojko (USSR) 7:36.35; 5, H de Vries (Neth) 7:38.88

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's first division: Speedwell Rucanor 3, Polonia 1; Star Aquila 3, Poole Sports Centre 2; MGI Wessex 3, Dynamo London 1; Staffordshire Moorlands 3, Bristol Polytechnic 1; Hilton Leeds 2, Team Mizuno Malory 3. Women's first division: Hilton Leeds 3, GP Scorpions 2; Sovereign Leasing Sale 3, MGI Wessex 1; Ashcombe 3, Dynamo London 0; Brixton Knights 3, NM Portsmouth 0; Hilton Leeds 3, MGI Wessex 2; Sovereign Leasing Sale 3, GP Scorpions 0.

YACHTING

PORT PHILLIP BAY, Melbourne: OK dinghy world championship: First race: 1, R Blasse (Aus); 2, M Boswell (NZ); 3, L Armit (NZ); 4, M Fisher (Aus); 5, P Josefsson (Sweden); 6, P Bamford (NZ).
PORTSMOUTH: Portsmouth Parisher Monohull: 1, Fireball (D Hall and P Constable); 2, International 505 (M Holt and C Merrett); 3, Fireball (T Lincoln and T Hurst). Multihull: 1, Tornado (P Jarman and T Cartwright); 2, Hurricane (M Taylor and D Taylor); 3, Hurricane (P Chatfield and R Latham).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/P	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	+ temp °C	Last snow fall
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	20	90	fair	varied	poor	fine	1	18/1
Still very good skiing on upper slopes								
AUSTRIA								
Obergurgl	25	95	worn	varied	icy	fine	0	21/1
Plenty of good skiing available but many runs worn								
St Anton	30	60	icy	varied	art	fine	-2	20/1
Sprinkling of new snow giving reasonable skiing on limited slopes								
FRANCE								
Isola	15	40	icy	varied	icy	fine	1	23/12
Generally good skiing on hard packed pistes, some icy patches								
Les Arcs	0	15	worn	moguls	closed	fine	6	22/12
All open pistes are in the Arc 2,000 area								
Val d'Isere	9	40	fair	crust	art	fine	-5	22/12
Good skiing available but rocky and worn in places								
Val Thorens	10	30	worn	crust	worn	fine	2	22/12
Upper runs now rocky with icy patches								
ITALY								
Cervinia	25	60	fair	crust	art	fine	3	6/1
Upper slopes good, lower slopes very worn								
SWITZERLAND								
Crans Montana	0	35	worn	varied	closed	sun	4	23/12
Still good skiing available on Plaine Morte. Other runs worn with grass and rock showing								
Gstaad	0	80	good	none	closed	fair	3	22/12
Good sunny glacier skiing but some queueing								
St Moritz	15	50	good	fair	worn	fine	-2	6/1
Icy patches all runs but good snow behind Piz Nair down to Marguns								
Verbier	5	50	worn	crust	closed	fine	-2	22/12
Fair piste skiing on glacier and Savoleyres								
Wengen	0	5	fair	none	closed	fine	5	22/12
Reasonable skiing on 600m long piste								
Zermatt	0	50	fair	closed	closed	fine	2	22/12
Good skiing continues on glacier and top half of Sunnegga								

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

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Cairngorm: Snow level, 2,500ft; vertical runs, 400ft. Runs: upper, incomplete, narrow and thin; middle, traverse and cas just skiable; lower, only small patches left; chairlifts closed; car park open; tows, coire cas open. Glenshee: snow level, 2,500ft; vertical runs. Runs: upper, patches of snow; lower, none complete, limited nursery area; chairlifts and tows closed. Lecht: No snow. Aonach Mor: Snow level, dusting to 2,000ft, skiable to 2,600ft; vertical runs, 1,400ft. Runs: upper, new snow. Main gully complete; lower, dusting; gondola lift open; tows, T-bar open. Snowing heavily at top station of gondola; bad visibility; will have to close if wind increases. Glencoe: Snow level, 2,000ft. No vertical runs. Runs: upper and lower, no skiing; chairlifts and tows closed. Cairngorm and Lecht: The showers will fall as snow above 1,000ft at first, falling to 500ft as the freezing level falls. Further showers over all skiing areas, with moderate falls expected, especially in the west. Little chance of the snow melting as temperatures are expected to stay below freezing. Winds will be gale force.

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Kenyans help supply common sense

Auckland

The chairman of the Kenyan Olympic Association yesterday succeeded in suggesting some common sense to his African Commonwealth colleagues to produce political stability in the forthcoming Games, while across town the Canadian Minister for Sport promised permanent subsidy to ensure financial stability.

While one official asked why we should not have a unified Games, the other asked a more fundamental question: why do we have Games at all, Olympic, Commonwealth, Asian, and if we do, how can they be organized fairly in the interest of all participating nations?

Charles Mukora, the chairman of the Kenyan Olympic Association, who is a candidate for the vice-chairman's post at today's general assembly of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), told yesterday's meeting of African members that it was out of all proportion to be even thinking of threatening the Games on account of 16 inconsequential, unofficially touring cricketers in South Africa. "It would be silly to damage the Games, which we all want, on account of this," Mukora said.

The African meeting confirmed there would be no boycott, but made further gratuitous criticism of the English Council for not upholding the spirit of anti-apartheid resolutions. This continuing resentment, prompted by Nigeria and Zimbabwe, is believed to be aimed primarily at Sir Arthur Gold on account of a statement made to *The Times* many months ago: namely, that rebel cricketers were no different from other, unchallenged, emigrant professionals such as plumbers.

The weekend controversy, in the opinion of Fekrou Kidane, an anti-apartheid adviser to the International Olympic Committee apartheid commission, who is here as an observer, has been to some extent "got up by the Press": in the best Waugh tradition, not finding a war, some of pressmen have tried to invent one. There are no technical grounds for a demand for England's suspension – a possibility at today's assembly – besides which, the English Council fulfilled the letter and spirit of the law by writing in protest to both the Test and County Cricket Board and to the individual cricketers in question.

The Africans should check their facts. Only random, irrational Government intervention can now disrupt what we all hope will be a return to the Friendly Games.

The CGF executive has recommended to today's general assembly that Ben Johnson be stripped of his Commonwealth Games 100 metres record, 10.07sec set in Edinburgh four years ago. *The International* Amateur Athletic Federation has erased all the Canadian's world, area and national sprint records after he admitted *under oath to using performance-enhancing drugs* since 1981.

Jean Charest, the Canadian *Government's French* Minister, gave a press conference at which he outlined several proposals by the Canadian Government: in particular, the creation of a multi-nation trust which will broaden the scope for developing nations, and a scheme, from 1994 in Victoria, British Columbia, to embrace *handicapped* Games in the main event.

On February 4, the Commonwealth Ministers for Sport will meet for the first time *to debate the Canadian* initiative for a trust, for which a working party is being set up. Charest argues that it is the ethical philosophy, not merely *the physical continuity of the* Games, which is at stake.

"It is unthinkable that only developed, rich countries can afford to host the Games, which are inaccessible to developing countries," he said. "We have to make the Games more accessible to enable them to survive." *Sport should not become a* showcase for the rich, he said.

In defence of this philosophy, Charest said that the Canadian Government was willing to be permanent underwriter of a proportion of the cost of hosting the Games, as one of the four rich members, *so as to give a chance to* the smaller nations to host the event. He hoped other developed nations would be persuaded to support the principle. "*We must not expect* exclusively the best stadium facilities and the best accommodation," Charest said. "If the spirit of the Games is *something that really matters*, then there should be times when we are prepared to sleep under canvas."

Canada has already put this policy to effect in the establishment last year of the first Francophone Games, in Morocco, at which France and Canada paid 65 per cent of the costs.

This principle is worthy, yet I largely disagree about the amalgamation of conventional and handicapped Games, which would confuse wholly different objectives and would, if it does not seem too harsh a thing to say, overvalue athletically, not morally, the achievements of the handicapped competitors.

Conventional Games are measured in absolutes, whereas *handicapped* achievements never can be, because standards and handicaps are infinitely variable.

The candidates for the 1998 Commonwealth Games, whose venue will be decided in Barcelona in two years' time, are expected to be Delhi, defeated by Victoria last time, Kuala Lumpur and either Adelaide or Perth. At today's assembly, Prince Edward will succeed the Duke of Edinburgh as CGF president. The candidates to succeed Peter Heatly, of Scotland, as chairman are Sonny De Sales, of Hong Kong, and Ivor Dent, of Canada.

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A mouth that has opened too wide

From Andrew Longmore
Melbourne

John McEnroe's mouth was firmly closed as he left town yesterday but his ears must have been burning. Until Boris Becker, the No. 2 seed, came from two sets down to beat Miloslav Mecir just before midnight, the talk had been only of McEnroe's controversial disqualification from the Australian Open tennis tournament on Sunday.

It was probably as well that McEnroe flew home with his family because he would not have found the dressing-room at Flinders Park overflowing with sympathy for his outburst. There seemed to be two main questions on the players' lips: "How did he get caught out yesterday?" and "What took them so long to catch up with him?"

"He's done worse things than he did yesterday," Stefan Edberg said. "But they had to take that decision and he's only got himself to blame for being thrown out."

"Several guys have said to me that they were glad it happened," Aaron Krickstein added. "What he did wasn't even close to some of the other stuff he's done, but after all these years they obviously don't want to let him get away with it any more."

Apart from the fact that McEnroe has escaped the ultimate penalty in the game for 12 years, the main surprise expressed by the players was McEnroe's ignorance of the new rules about penalty points in grand slam events.

"Nobody can tell if he knew the rules or not," Edberg said. "He is very bright and he knows how far he can go so maybe he was surprised by his disqualification."

But McEnroe did receive support from an unexpected source later in the day. McEnroe and Becker have never been soul-mates, but Becker has been in an unusually rebellious mood recently and without exactly leaping to the American's defence, he didn't condemn him out of hand either.

"He definitely said a couple of things that weren't right," Becker said. "But that's the way he is. I think the rules are wrong. There ought to be a different penalty than throwing him out of the match. When you're out in the heat for three and four hours it's not easy to keep your cool. Not everyone can be like a computer out there."

When all the debating is done, however, there is really only one issue and it has nothing to do with McEnroe's record either as one of the great champions of the game or as one of the most bad-tempered players in the game.

On Sunday, McEnroe clearly overstepped the new code of conduct rules laid down initially by the Association of Tour Professionals, of which McEnroe has been a vigorous supporter, and adopted by the International Tennis Federation for grand slam events. Rightly, he paid the price.

Yes, as Edberg says, tennis is an intense and individual game and there is nowhere to take a breather and cool down. Yes, there were plenty of crowd distractions during McEnroe's match against Pernfors, from barrackers to crying babies.

Yes, McEnroe's volatile temperament is peculiarly unsuited to such occasions. Yes, it is a shame that the public has been deprived of one of the four players capable of winning the event. But none of those excuses nor ignorance of the rules amounts to anything approaching a coherent defence for abuse of officials in any sport, let alone a high profile one like tennis.

"There will always be people getting upset on court. People like John who have a temper," Edberg, who is one of the least demonstrative players on the circuit, said. "I don't think there's anything wrong if something happens out there as long as you don't go too far." This time, clearly, McEnroe went a few syllables too far.

Norling gives full support to the ban on Moseley

By Peter Bills

Clive Norling, the Welshman widely regarded as the best rugby union referee in the world, yesterday gave his support to the seven-month ban imposed on Kevin Moseley, who was sent off during Wales's five nations' championship match against France on Saturday.

The ban was imposed by a disciplinary panel of the International Rugby Football Board after Moseley's sending-off by the English referee, Fred Howard, for aiming a kick at a French player trapped in a ruck. But, although Norling was quick to applaud the panel's decision, Moseley's club coach at Pontypool, John Perkins, protested that the punishment was too harsh.

Norling said that he considered the panel's decision would be an encouragement to referees. "The old feeling *among referees used to be that* if you sent a player off it was likely to stifle your progress up the ladder," he said. "But I believe that now the opposite applies. If referees are not seen to be taking the firmest action to eliminate incidents like stamping, then it can count against them and their reputations."

Norling applauded the committee: "The International Board and their constituent bodies are now firmly behind referees who stand up and take action. This decision confirms that point."

Norling did not sympathize with Moseley, but he did identify the use of the sin bin in Welsh club rugby as a misleading influence on players.

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"It is an area that should be cleaned up. Frankly, I would get rid of the sin bin altogether. It is a soft option and I don't think it has got any value whatsoever," he said.

"Perhaps it is also unfair to players because it depends on the various referees whether it is used or not. Personally, I *have never used it apart from* when players have shown dissent. But never for foul play – if it is that bad, they have to go off. The trouble is there are no clear guidelines as to when a player should go to the sin bin."

Norling's view of the ban on Moseley was not shared by *Perkins, a former* Welsh international himself. He said yesterday: "Thirty-two weeks is a punishment that does not fit the crime. "I thought he would be banned for six weeks for illegal use of the boot. I do not condone what the player did, and I would not argue with the referee for sending him off, but I am appalled at that *sentence. He suffered* the enormous indignity of being sent off an international field, but instead of waiting a few days for him to get his act together, they have kicked him when he is down. They have torn the boy apart.

"We try to fire our players up so that they play with commitment, but they just go over the brink. And what those who haven't played against France don't appreciate is that with them there are always certain tactics you don't come across with any other country."

The views for and against the controversial rule are to be discussed at a meeting between the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) and officials from the referees committee, scheduled for later this week.

Becker recovers after courting disaster

Familiar story as Mecir blows it

From Andrew Longmore
Tennis Correspondent
Melbourne

Old memories came back to haunt Miloslav Mecir and revive Boris Becker in the fourth round of the Australian Open here yesterday. The languid Czechoslovak had been two sets and 3-1 up against Stefan Edberg in the *semi-final of Wimbledon* two years ago and lost; last night, he gained a similar glimpse of victory against Becker, the world champion and No. 2 seed, and lost again, 4-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1, in three hours and 51 minutes.

Typically, Mecir had a simple explanation for his defeat. "Boris is one of the best fighters in the game," he said forlornly. "I was 3-1 up in the third set and he started to play better."

But that doesn't quite tell the whole story. For two and a half sets Mecir played as only he can, with a grace and an elegance unmatched by any other player. He kept Becker pinned on the baseline and consistently bemused him with the ease and casual precision of his groundstrokes. Occasionally, *he loped to the net, forcing the* Wimbledon champion into error on his passing shots and never allowing him to dominate as he likes to.

For a further two and a half sets, Mecir also played as only he can, throwing away points like straw in the wind. Serving for a 4-1 lead in the third set, he lost the game and won only three more games in the match.

"He really played well for two and a half sets, but he had to work hard to win the points and the longer the match went on the more tired he got," Becker said. "But, to be honest, I'm astonished that I managed to come back. It *doesn't happen very often.*"

Despite facing another unexpected exit from the Australian Open, Becker was able to take comfort from his record in five-set matches over the last year. He beat Andre Agassi from 2-0 down in the Davis Cup and was just a net cord away from defeat by Derrick Rostagno before going *on to win the US Open.*

"Someone shouted to me, 'Remember the Davis Cup against America', and that helped. I decided in the third set that if he was going to beat me, he would have to play for another 2½ sets. You have first to struggle with yourself and tell yourself: 'Next point, next point'."

On a still evening, disturbed only by the chatter of a flock of birds resting on the sliding roof, and the odd back-seat barracker, Becker seemed determined to power Mecir off the court. He attacked the second serve mercilessly and led 3-1 before the No. 16 seed managed to stamp his own more gentle authority on the match.

While Becker struggled to find any rhythm on either forehand or backhand and was relying on his serve to keep him level, Mecir hit his deceptively flat ground strokes into the corners. He enjoyed his best periods at the end of the first set, which he took after 46 minutes, and in the middle of the second, when he recovered from a 5-2 deficit by winning 12 points in a row and took the tie-break from 4-0 down.

Only halfway through the third set did Becker's tactical confusion end. His backhand returned and with it came confidence and the power which had been missing for so much of the night. The writing was on the wall when a backhand pass flashed past Mecir as Becker won the third set.

Becker now plays Mats Wilander in the quarter-final. Wilander beat Veli Paloheimo in three sets. The Finn was unlucky. He injured his right ankle at the start of the second set and, though still able to play, could not really push off on either side.

Aaron Krickstein, the fifth seed, was also severely restricted, by a groin injury, and was beaten by David Wheaton, the young American.

So the quarter-final line-up in the men's singles is: Lendl v Cherkasov, Pernfors v Noah, Wheaton v Edberg, and Wilander v Becker. The heavyweights, Becker and Lendl, are still on collision course for Sunday's final, but Edberg has been the most impressive of the top seeds so far.

Screaming mad: Becker motivates himself against Mecir at the Australian Open yesterday

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: S Edberg (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; D Wheaton (US) bt A Krickstein (US), 7-6, 6-4, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt V Paloheimo (Fin), 7-5, 6-4 6-0; B Becker (WG) bt M Mecir (Cz), 4-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: S Davis (US) and R van't Hof (US) bt D Cassidy (US) and G Pozzi (It), 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; N Broad and G Muller (SA) bt P Henricsson and N Utgren (Swe), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; J Fleurian and H Leconte (Fr) bt J Hlasek (Switz) and E Winogradsky (Fr), 6-2, 7-6 (7-2).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: J Novotna and H Sukova (Cz) bt A Minter (Aus) and J Richardson (NZ), 6-3, 6-4; G Fernandez and R White (US) bt M Lindstrom (Swe) and H Ludloff (US), 6-2, 6-1; L Savchenko and N Zvereva (USSR) bt E Burgin and R Fairbank (US), 6-2, 7-6; C MacGregor and C MacGregor (US) bt K Adams and L McNeil (US), 0-6, 6-4, 6-2; J-A Faull and R McQuillan (Aus) bt K Jordan (US) and E Smylie (Aus), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; B Schultz (Neth) and A Temesvari (Hun) bt S Goles (Yug) and K Maleeva (Bul), 7-5, 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES: Second round: S Cannon and R White (US) bt M Kratzmann and J Thompson (Aus) 6-1, 7-6 (7-4); J Lozano (Mex) and G Fernandez (US) bt T Woodbridge and J-A Faull (Aus), 7-6, 6-3. Quarter-finals: R Leach and Z Garrison (US) bt A Castle (GB) and R Reggi (It), 6-4, 6-4.

Baird will sign for £500,000

Middlesbrough are expected to sign Ian Baird from Leeds United for £500,000 this morning (Louise Taylor writes).

After an earlier spell at the Elland Road club, Baird was sold to Portsmouth for £275,000, before being bought *back for £180,000.*

Bruce Rioch, the Middlesbrough manager, has made Stoke City a £150,000 offer for Chris Kamara, the midfield player, aged 32.

Stefan Rehn, Everton's Swedish international midfield player, yesterday agreed to join Gothenburg. Rehn, aged 23, will return to Sweden for £400,000 just seven months after arriving at Goodison Park from Djurgarden for an identical fee. Rehn said his desire to win a place in Sweden's World Cup squad was instrumental in his decision.

England training turns into farce

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson's plans to assemble all of his World Cup candidates for a midwinter gathering were reduced to a farce yesterday. Of the 30 players asked to attend the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall, only a dozen were available and able to take part in the fitness trials.

"That is the trouble we have running international football in this country," Robson said. "One is married to a long, heavy and strenuous season. I *am disappointed because I* looked carefully at the diary before deciding on the date. I expected one or two absentees but now I'm without more than half the squad."

Eight of those missing were preparing for midweek cup ties. The others were injured. The latest casualties were Adams, Rocastle and Thomas, of Arsenal. Wounded during Saturday's derby against Tottenham Hotspur, they withdrew two hours before they were scheduled to join their colleagues.

Not all of those who did turn up were fit. Neither Brian Robson nor Webb, for instance, featured in Manchester United's ignominious defeat away against Norwich City on Sunday but at least they could be assessed yesterday.

John Brewer, the head of the National Human Performance Centre, explained the value of the tests. "Our job is *to identify any area where* players may need special work, such as a weakened hamstring.

Brewer said the Enland cricket team, who attended before leaving for the West Indies, would be "the fittest team ever to leave these shores", but he was not in a position to offer a similar prediction about the nation's football representatives.

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Armstrong's death threat

Gerry Armstrong, the English umpire at the centre of the controversy over John McEnroe's disqualification from the Australian Open last Sunday, has received an anonymous death threat. The threat was issued by telephone to one of the tournament officials in Melbourne and security at Flinders Park was immediately tightened.

As a precaution, Armstrong was stood down from a women's doubles match he was due to umpire yesterday.

Co-driver killed in Renault

Monte Carlo (Reuter) – One competitor was killed and another seriously injured when a car plunged off the road into a ravine during the second stage of the Monte Carlo rally yesterday, the organisers said.

They said the car was a privately entered Renault driven by Jean-Claude Bertaudiere, of France, who was severely injured. Francis Malaussene, the co-driver, was killed outright. The car left the road on a sharp bend and dropped 200 metres into a ravine on the first of the day's six special timed sections.

The last fatal accident in the rally occurred last year when two Swedish spectators were killed.

LEADING POSITIONS (after nine special timed sections): Equal 1, D Auriol (Fr), Lancia, 2hr 00min 7sec, C Sainz (Sp), Toyota, same time; 3, B Saby (Fr), Lancia, 15sec behind; 4, M Biasion (It), Lancia, 1:15; 5, D Cerrato (It), Lancia, 1:59; 6, A Schwartz (WG), Toyota, 4:08.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Games for Berlin

East Berlin (Reuter) – The International Olympic Committee President, Juan Antonio Samaranch, has raised hopes of staging a joint Games in East and West Berlin, saying the crumbling of the Berlin Wall has made the city a strong contender.

In an interview with the *East German newspaper, Deutsches Sportecho*, published yesterday, Samaranch said: "Berlin, which for many years symbolized division in the world, is now turning into a symbol of unity."

Golf tickets

Golf followers have only another nine days in which to apply for a maximum discount on season tickets for the Open Championship at St Andrews from July 19 to 22. The £40 passes, which provide entry to all four practice days as well as the four days of Championship play at an overall saving of 40 per cent, are available only until the end of this month.

Samaranch: raised hopes

Syson wins

Fran Syson, of Seacourt Club, beat the former England squash captain, Sheila Macintosh, in the final of the George Wimpey British Ladies' real tennis Masters over-40 championships.

Solberg clear

Tokyo (Reuter) – The Norwegian *woman javelin thrower,* Trine Solberg, has had a two-year suspension lifted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) because two samples she gave for a drugs test did not give the same result.

British panel

Seven British officials have been appointed by the International Tennis Federation for Davis Cup ties next week: George Grime, referee, Jane Tabor, umpire, Malcolm Huntington, umpire, Stephen Winyard, umpire, Jeremy Shales, referee, Alan Mills, referee Sultan Ganji, referee and Colin Hess, referee.

Place in sun

After a difficult day in the New Zealand sun, Great Britain and Ireland took a 2-1 lead in the croquet international against New Zealand. Joe Hogan and Bob Jackson were beaten by Colin Irwin and Mark Saurin, of Ireland.

Favourites win

The favourites, James Male and Julian Snow, of Radley, retained the Henry Leaf Public School Old Boys real tennis doubles championship at the Queen's club beating the second seeds Peter Seabrook and Alan Lovell of Winchester in straight sets, 6-3,6-2.

Protests over tour subside

By Richard Streeton, Johannesburg

For the third consecutive day the anti-apartheid demonstrators allowed the English cricketers to practise at the Wanderers Ground nets here unmolested. Nothing is certain but there have been veiled *hints from the protesting* groups that their next disruptive action is planned for Kimberley, where Gatting's side travel on Thursday to play their first match.

Should this be true it will provide the first chance to see if the South Africa Law and Order Ministry were sincere in their announcement at the weekend that in future they would allow peaceful demonstrations against the tour to take place. Local police permission has to be sought and the Transvaal anti-tour committee announced last night that they would ignore this stipulation. A police spokesman has also confirmed that 10 people arrested at Jan Smuts airport on Friday, were released the same day without being charged.

The team's practises take *place under discreet security* provided by a handful of armed police, mostly in T-shirts and sports slacks, accompanied by two Alsatians. Security is tighter, though still low key, at the cricketers' hotel. They have taken over a floor near the top *of a building in a* suburban area, seven miles from the city centre. The players have been told there is no reason why they should not go out alone to shop, dine and so on.

Gatting said he was pleased that the tour's threat to the Commonwealth Games had been lifted. Many of the International Cricket Conference members were also part of the Commonwealth, he said, and had signed the ICC agreement relating to visits to South Africa. Both Gatting and Emburey, the vice-captain, reiterated that they hoped to return to Test cricket after serving their bans.

Emburey, who will be 43 when he becomes eligible again in 1996, said: "This applies to several of our team. As in 1982 we have accepted the consequences of coming *here but the incentive remains* and several of the side could play Test cricket again. Emburey said he knew that people wondered whether a young batsman like Maynard at 23 would retain his interest playing only county cricket. "I am sure he will and people like *Mike Gatting and myself will* make sure that he does."

Emburey said: "If I can keep fit I am certainly I have a lot to offer English cricket, as a spinner and in other ways."

Emburey and Graveney, as well as Barnett, whose leg breaks are turning and lifting on the hard net pitches, are all expected to have plenty of work at Kimberley, where the temperature could be more than 100° F. The spinners all share blistered fingers from the machine-sewn Australian ball used in South Africa but the touring side appreciate that their fast men will have to be nursed carefully.

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Benson's year

Kent have awarded the opener, Mark Benson, a benefit for 1991.

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